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Protecting Your Computer From Hackers, Viruses

(NAPSA)—What's the worst that could happen?

That's the question many people pose to themselves whenever the subject of computer protection comes up. The trouble is, many individuals and businesses are unaware of the potential problems that both active (hackers) and passive (viruses) attacks can cause. Or they believe that, because there's nothing important on their hard drives, they're not at risk.

Here are just a few realistic possibilities of what could happen:

- A virus that gets into your system can be destructive in several different ways. For example, your computer may no longer recognize a peripheral, such as a printer or a CD-ROM drive. Your personal address book could get erased. Files may be corrupted or deleted altogether. Even worse, most viruses perpetuate themselves by automatically sending themselves to everyone in your address book.

- Hackers can use "dummy" computers—namely those with "always on" Internet connections, such as cable modems and DSL—or unprotected Web sites to launch attacks on companies and/or other Web sites.

Fortunately, there's now a site that offers effective and easy-to-use security software solutions for consumers and small office PC users.



Without protective software, computers are susceptible to both viruses and hacker attacks.

The software, eTrust EZ Armor, from Computer Associates (CA), represents a new standard in online security and data protection.

The software combines a personal firewall to secure against hackers and unwanted visitors with an antivirus and e-mail screening technology that protects against viruses, worms, zombies and Trojan horses. eTrust EZ Armor also protects computers from the receipt of destructive e-mails that could wreak havoc on your files.

For more information about Computer Associates' security solutions for home/small office computer users, visit the Web site at www.my-etrust.com. Readers will receive a 20 percent discount on eTrust EZ Armor when they use the promotion code: `tryezarm01`.