

RANSOMEWARE

Protecting yourself from ransomware

As well as regularly backing up your files, there are other things you can do to keep the scammers at bay.

Firstly, be on your guard. Don't click on links in suspicious emails or download attachments that you weren't expecting.

Look out for signs that the email is part of a phishing scam, such as poor English or asking for inappropriate information. You are the first line of defence. If you are in any doubt about an email's legitimacy, contact the sender yourself to check. That doesn't mean clicking 'reply' either! Call them if possible.

Next get some decent antivirus software, and keep it up to date. This will act as a useful safety net should you click on a dodgy link by mistake. Similarly, get a popup blocker, which will keep some of the dodgy links at bay too.