# 5 SIGNS THAT YOUR COMPUTER IS INFECTED WITH A VIRUS

If you notice your computer is acting odd, then there's a chance that it is infected with malware. So what are the red flags you should be looking out for?

## 1.YOUR COMPUTER/LAPTOP/ SMARTPHONE IS VERY SLOW

If your device starts to slow down unexpectedly, it is a clear indication that something is wrong. Malware types such as **Crypto miners** and botnets will cause your device to become overburdened. Just keep in mind that as new software gets more demanding, your computer will naturally slow down. Slow performance can be a red flag that something isn't right

## 2.YOUR DEVICE GETS VERY HOT

If your computer is generating a lot of noise, the fans within are probably working overtime to keep the fragile electrical components cool. This is an indication that some programme is pushing your computer to its limits, causing the CPU to overheat. Smartphones and tablets don't have fans, yet they may grow quite hot when used often - you can even get a warning notice that the gadget has overheated. Malware may put your device under a lot of stress, causing it to overheat.
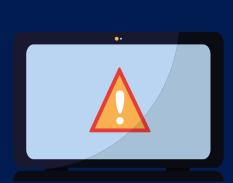
## 3.YOU ARE CONSTANTLY BOMBARDED WITH ADVERTISEMENTS AND POP-UP WINDOWS

Another common indicator of malware behaviour is a lot of pop-ups or extra tabs launching automatically on your device. As part of an ad fraud scheme or to trick you into downloading more software, a virus will automatically load webpages. Some websites, especially those that provide illicit content such as **Warez** and **Torrents** or live streams, do have a lot of pop-ups. Check to see whether your browser is configured to block annoying pop-ups.

## 4.YOUR DEVICE KEEPS CRASHING

Your device may become entirely unresponsive or reset itself at any point. This is an extreme case of the overheating problem, in which your computer's resources become so overburdened that it must shut down. Unexpected reboots are usually an indication that something is wrong, although they aren't always a virus. Apps that are misconfigured or have bugs can also cause the system to become overburdened.

## 5. YOU RECEIVE WARNINGS FROM ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE

There's one certain indicator that your computer has been infected with malware: a warning from your antivirus software. Antivirus software analyses your device for signs of malware and removes questionable files automatically. After that, you'll get a message informing you what to do next.