



## RGE Tech Tips from the Field – Client Edition

Topic: Computing Cyber Security

### 1. Use Built-In Protection First - January 05

Most modern devices already include robust built-in security.

- **Windows PCs:** Microsoft Defender (built-in antivirus)
- **Mac computers:** Apple security tools like Gatekeeper and XProtect
- **iPhones & iPads:** Apple's tightly controlled App Store ecosystem

These protections work automatically in the background, providing excellent everyday security.

#### Chip's Tip:

Keeping your device **updated and letting the built-in protection run** gives you a strong first line of defense.

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### 2. Add a Trusted Malware Scanner

Many technicians recommend keeping a second scanner on hand to check for malware.

One of the most trusted tools is:

- **Malwarebytes** – Excellent for detecting and removing malware that traditional antivirus programs sometimes miss.

#### Chip's Tip:

Think of this like **getting a second opinion from another doctor**. Malwarebytes is a great backup check if something feels suspicious on your computer.

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### 3. Watch Out for Phishing Scams

Today, most cybercrime occurs through fake emails, texts, or websites designed to trick people into sharing passwords or financial information.

Common warning signs:

- Messages claiming your account is "urgent" or "locked."
- Unexpected attachments or links
- Requests to confirm passwords or payment details

#### Chip's Tip:

When in doubt, **don't click the link**. Instead, go directly to the company's official website and sign in from there.

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### ✓ Bottom Line

Cybersecurity doesn't have to be complicated. A little caution goes a long way.

Keep your device updated, use trusted protection tools, and stay alert for suspicious messages.