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Myth or fact: Macs don't get viruses

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- ☐ **Turn on automatic updates.** Open System Settings > General > Software Update and switch on Automatic Updates.
 - ☐ **Keep security updates switched on.** On macOS Tahoe 26 or later, in System Settings > General > Software Update, click More Info next to Automatic Updates and make sure "Install system data files and security updates" is on.
 - ☐ **Get apps from safe places.** Apple says the App Store is the safest source. In System Settings > Privacy & Security, set "Allow apps downloaded from" to the App Store, or the App Store and identified developers.
 - ☐ **Never paste a command a website gives you into Terminal.** No genuine CAPTCHA, update or download needs you to.
 - ☐ **Think twice before clicking Open Anyway.** If an app's install steps tell you to override the Mac's warning, stop and check where the download came from.
 - ☐ **Download from the maker's own website.** Type the address yourself rather than clicking an ad in search results.
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