

Beware of Ransomware

Dear Customer

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It has become a compelling responsibility to caution you about the alarming increase in Ransomware attacks in Bangladesh. Complaints are flooding in everyday pointing towards an epidemic at hand. Kaspersky Lab forecasts even worse situation to come. Once infected or rather data-taken-over there is practically nothing we or any security company can do to help.

You can know about Ransomware in the following links-

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ransomware>
<http://blog.kaspersky.com/tag/ransomware/>
<http://blog.kaspersky.com/cryptolocker-is-bad-news/>
http://media.kaspersky.com/pdf/Kaspersky_Lab_Whitepaper_Cryptoprotection_final_ENG.pdf

Handling Ransomware is more about precaution than cure. Safe computing practices can help you avoid Ransomware attacks. You need to make all the users under your system aware of this threat.

As a general practice the following steps are highly recommended -

1. Do not open emails/attachments from suspicious senders.
2. Do not use TOR browser, torrent sites, porn sites etc.
3. Do not install unauthorized applications from unverified sources
4. Take regular backup of data on separate storage media
5. On Windows systems, configure System Restore Points, allocating sufficient disk size.
6. Configure to protect. Put access restrictions to important data files
7. Most important use the latest anti-virus software and keep it regularly updated.
8. Kaspersky users please ensure that apart from File AV (and other) components, the System Watcher component is always enabled.
9. Kaspersky business solution users check with <http://support.kaspersky.com/10905>
10. Kaspersky users - configure Application Privilege Control

We hope the above practices keep you safe. Please remember Ransomware is random with home users, mobile devices and enterprise systems. There is no guarantee that cyber criminals will release your data even if you manage to pay the ransom.

However, Kaspersky users can check with the following links for prevention -

<http://support.kaspersky.com/10905#block1>
<http://support.kaspersky.com/10905#block2>

Please circulate this message. Keep safe. Keep everyone safe.

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