

# Top ⑤ Computer Virus and Malware Myths

## Myth #1

### **Viruses are just a nuisance.**

Viruses and malware are serious problems that can do severe damage to your system. Take them seriously, and address infections immediately.

## Myth #2

### **Isolated systems, such as substations, don't need to run antivirus.**

Many people assume that only systems with Internet connections need antivirus. All systems, isolated or not, should run antivirus or another type of compensating access control (e.g., whitelist).

## Myth #3

### **You would know if you had a virus.**

Many times, viruses go undetected by users for weeks, months, or even years. Scan your devices regularly.

## Myth #4

### **Only Windows® gets viruses.**

While Microsoft® Windows is highly targeted by attackers, other operating systems and devices are also susceptible to malware. Use caution and proper safeguards with all devices—from your smartphone to your Mac®.

## Myth #5

### **As long as you have antivirus, your computer is safe.**

Antivirus is a great tool, but it won't protect you from all threats. Practice defense in depth, and layer your security.