About Norton Personal Firewall

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Norton Personal Firewall protects computers from Internet attacks, guards your privacy, and speeds Web surfing by eliminating ads.

What's new in Norton Personal Firewall 2003

Norton Personal Firewall 2003 now includes:

- Security Monitor
  Gives you fast access to the most-used Norton Personal Firewall tools

- Visual Tracking
  Identifies the source of attacks and other Internet communication

- Password protection
  Provides increased security for Norton Personal Firewall options

- Block Traffic
  Lets you immediately stop other computers' ability to communicate with your computer

- Alert Assistant
  Helps you understand alerts and potential security issues

- Log Viewer
  Improved version helps you see all of the actions Norton Personal Firewall takes to protect your computer

- Privacy Control
  Enhanced version blocks private information in email and instant messages
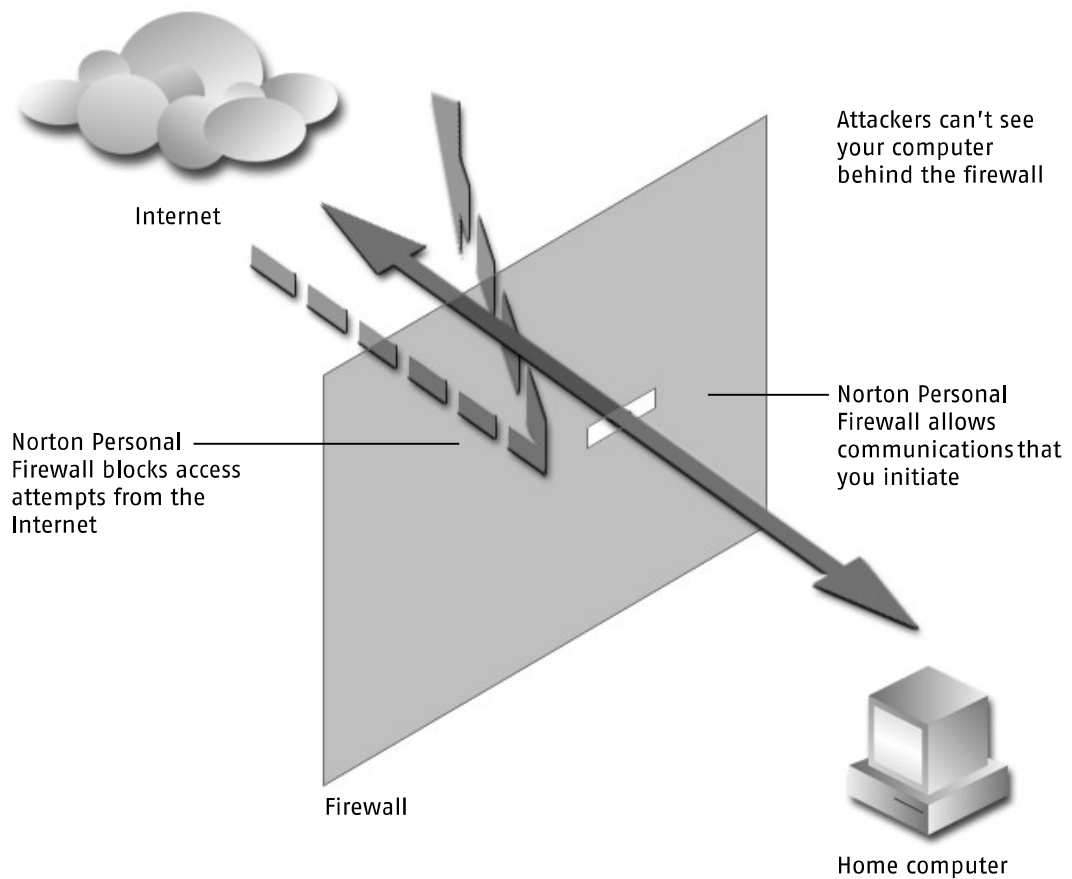
Norton Personal Firewall features

Norton Personal Firewall includes a number of security tools that help keep your computer safe. You can get fast access to all Norton Personal Firewall tools from the new Security Monitor.

Internet security can be a complicated topic to understand, so Norton Personal Firewall now includes the Alert Assistant, which helps you understand security issues, suggests how you can resolve problems, and advises you on avoiding future security problems.

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Norton Personal Firewall provides a barrier between your computer and the Internet. A *firewall* prevents unauthorized users from accessing private computers and networks connected to the Internet.

Internet

Attackers can't see your computer behind the firewall

Norton Personal Firewall blocks access attempts from the Internet

Norton Personal Firewall allows communications that you initiate

Firewall

Home computer

Norton Personal Firewall includes features that prevent unauthorized access to your computer when you are on the Internet, detect possible Internet attacks, protect your personal information, and block Internet advertisements to speed your Internet browsing.

Norton Personal Firewall features include:

Intrusion Detection	Intrusion Detection helps keep your computer safe from Internet attacks by scanning each piece of information that enters and exits your computer. If it identifies a potential attack, Intrusion Detection alerts you and automatically blocks the connection that contained the attack. See "Guarding against intrusion attempts" on page 69.
Privacy Control	Privacy Control gives you several levels of control over the kind of information that users can send via the Web, email, and instant messenger programs. You can also control how Privacy Control reacts when Web sites attempt to set and use cookies or learn about your browser. See "Protecting your privacy" on page 89.
Ad Blocking	Ad Blocking speeds up your Web surfing by eliminating banner ads and other slow-loading or intrusive content. Norton Personal Firewall now also blocks ads made with Macromedia Flash and prevents sites from opening pop-up or pop-under ad windows. See "Blocking Internet advertisements" on page 95.