

Safeguarding Your Data

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You work from home. You do billing, write proposals, manage your finances, and communicate mostly by email. Great. Sounds like you are using your computer to keep your business running smoothly.

Perhaps you are retired or maybe just a normal family member with kids. You do email, write letters, manage your pictures you take with a digital camera, and perhaps help out with a non-profit organization. Great. You are doing what a lot of families do.

You have a good computer—maybe even a new one. Runs fine (most of the time). Great.

Forget something? What happens when the computer stops running? That can happen, you know. Perhaps your hard drive crashes. You are in good shape as you've carefully backed up all your critical data. What? You haven't done that? You now are experiencing panic! What to do? How much time and effort will it take to recreate all your photos, finances, etc? Difficult, huh? Very costly if you go for a data recovery service. Thousands of dollars, actually.

Lesson learned: Back up your data frequently. There are lots of ways to do this. Check them out today.

How often should you back up your data? Ask yourself just how difficult is it to recreate the data you have lost. That should tell you the answer.