Viruses can hitchhike on your flash drive!

Newer computer viruses can pass from an infected computer to USB flash drives, including thumb drives, iPods, and digital cameras.

The viruses then spread when the newly infected drive is plugged into a clean computer.

Follow these tips to protect yourself:

**Be Proactive** - Make sure antivirus software is **installed** and **updated** regularly on each computer you use. Also check regularly for the latest iPod software updates.

**Be Aware** - Public and unprotected computers are very **susceptible** to catching and passing viruses. **Designate** a thumb drive for work use and only use it on University computers to avoid catching a virus from outside computers.

**Be Cautious** - Suspect your thumb drive has a virus? **Don’t plug it in!** Contact your local technical support or give the NUIT Support Center a call at 847-491-HELP (4357).

Learn more about protecting your computer from viruses and other malware at: www.it.northwestern.edu/getcontrol