I Bought A New Computer —Now What?

(NAPSA)—Buying a new computer and not activating the security software is like buying a car and not using seatbelts. Properly activating and updating your security software is essential for keeping your new PC healthy. Once your computer is up and running, your most private information—like Social Security numbers, credit card information and passwords—may be stored or transmitted over the Internet. Without updated security software, you can't be sure that your data is safe from cybercriminals looking to make big money at your expense.

A computer is an investment, meaning proper setup, installation and security software is necessary to make sure you're protected. If the computer is a present for back-to-school or the holidays, it is especially important to make sure the recipient is getting the most out of his or her gift.

"Activating pre-installed programs like Norton Internet Security protects computers from cyberthreats, data loss and identity theft," says Marian Merritt, Internet Safety Advocate from Symantec. "And, consumers need to remember to renew software subscriptions after the introductory subscription period, typically 30-90 days, ends."

Protect your new computer investment and the contents stored on the machine by activating and regularly updating your PC's security software.