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It's Never too Late to Protect Yourself

STAPLES Business Depot offers five *Easy* ways to protect against identity theft, file loss and viruses

Toronto, ON (January 17, 2008) – Bringing in the New Year with STAPLES Business Depot, Canada's largest office supply retailer, means providing helpful advice on how to start the new year off right by offering five New Year's resolutions to protecting yourself, your identity, computer and files.

"New Year's resolutions are usually tied to fitness, dieting and money management," says Pete Gibel, Vice President of Merchandising at STAPLES Business Depot. "But things like protecting yourself from identity theft and your computer from hackers and other threats should also be top of mind."

STAPLES Business Depot offers the following five resolutions:

Resolution #1: Protect Your Identity

One of the best ways to protect your identity is by shredding documents with personal and financial information. Shredders are a necessity in every household and office.



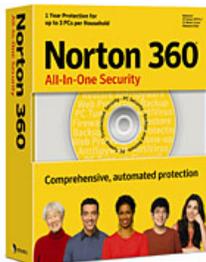
The **STAPLES MailMate M3** shredder devours junk mail and shreds up to 12 full-size sheets of paper. It can even shred stapled sheets of papers, CDs and DVDs without any trouble.

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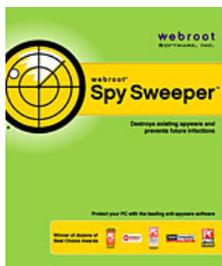
Another great option is the **D12** shredder equipped for enhanced security with its diamond cut shredding. This whisper quiet shredder has the capacity to shred 12 sheets of paper at a time. Shredders are a great way to eliminate any documents or mail that has your name, address or any other personal information that could be used to steal your identity if it ended up in the wrong hands.

Resolution #2: Protect Your PC against Virus Threats



Norton 360 delivers all-in-one security. It is easy to use and provides automatic and transparent protection from viruses and spyware, fraudulent websites, phishing scams, hackers, identity theft, and more. With a renewable subscription, up to three PCs are continuously protected. The program also offers a transaction security feature that provides online shopping and banking confidence. And for enhanced performance, a smart background scheduler automatically schedules key Norton 360 functions such as scans, backups and tune-ups.

Dangerous and annoying spyware can infect your system in many different ways when on the Internet.



Webroot Spy Sweeper provides protection by offering powerful smart shields with real-time protection by blocking known and emerging spyware threats as you browse – before they ever reach your computer and personal information. If a PC is already infected, Webroot Spy Sweeper's advanced discovery methods locate and completely destroy malicious spyware that can hide within the PC.

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Resolution #3: Back up Computer Data



Everyday people are subject to losing files and information. Computer equipment failures, accidental deletion or lost files is a reality. STAPLES Business Depot offers a wide range of options to help back up data and provide peace of mind. **Easy Tech Force** can save information to any media of one's choice including DVDs, CDs, USB keys and external hard drives. STAPLES Business Depot and the Easy Tech Force take great care to ensure your information is carefully and securely saved. STAPLES Business Depot makes data backup affordable with rates starting at \$80.00 for one full DVD of information. That's the equivalent of approximately 2,000 high resolution pictures! For people on the go, Easy Tech Force can also save information to a portable device such as a USB key or external hard drive for the same great price.

Resolution #4: Protect Yourself against Cheque Washing

Most people do not even consider the chance of their identity being stolen by cheque washing; but unfortunately it happens.



The **Uni-ball 207** pen helps defend against cheque washing by locking down ink so your identity remains safe. The 207 is an identify force field with pigmented gel ink that helps prevent cheque washing, with a comfortable textured grip and fade- and water-resistant, acid-free, ink. It is available in medium 0.7mm and micro 0.5mm and three ink colours: black, blue, and red.

Resolution #5: Security Storage

There are a number of reasons why every home and office should have some form of security storage or safe. Every three seconds someone's identity is stolen and 50 per cent of identity thefts were committed by people that personally knew the victim.



SentrySafe is the world leader in residential and small office security storage, providing unsurpassed protection from fire and water damage and theft. The **Fire-Safe Electronic Safe** offers an advanced LCD electronic lock system

allowing for up to seven users. This safe also offers a \$50,000(US) fire protection guarantee and can be bolted to the floor. It holds standard and A-4 size papers, folders and binders for storage of personal, private and legal documents; and has a multi-position drawer and tray, key rack and compartment for storage of small items.

STAPLES Business Depot makes protecting yourself and your PC easy by offering a wide selection of products.

About STAPLES Business Depot

Founded in Toronto in 1991, The Business Depot Ltd. is Canada's largest supplier of office supplies, business machines, office furniture and business services for the small business and home office customer. The company is an everyday low price retailer. The chain operates stores in all provinces across Canada under the banners STAPLES® Business Depot™ and BUREAU EN GROS™. The company has over 13,500 employees serving customers through more than 290 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. STAPLES® Business Depot™/BUREAU EN GROS™ is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three ways to shop - online, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at www.staples.ca.

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