

Adware.Gen: What it is, signs to spot, and how to remove it

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What it is

What you may notice

- Extra banners, pop-ups, or random redirects
- New extensions or a changed homepage/search
- Slower browsing and unusual data usage

How it gets in

- Bundled inside 'free' installers or fake updates
- Rogue browser add-ons from untrusted sources
- Drive-by downloads from shady sites

Remove it now (quick steps)

- Remove unknown apps and browser extensions
- Reset your browser to default settings
- Run a full scan with trusted anti-malware and reboot
- Check DNS/proxy settings and restore to automatic if changed

Prevent it

- Install software from official stores only
- Use Custom install and deselect extra offers
- Keep your browser, extensions, and OS updated