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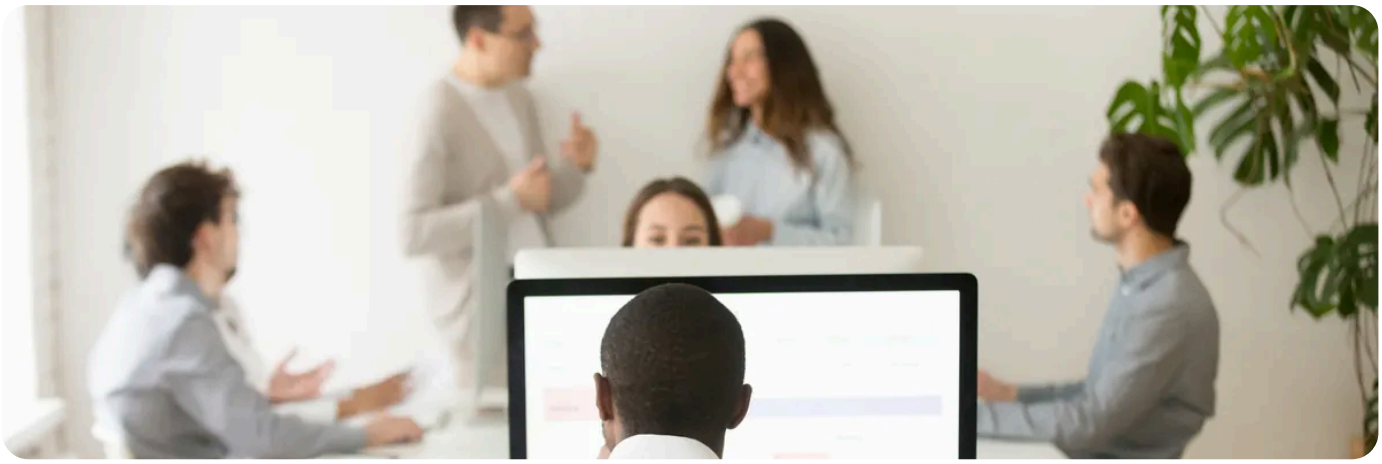
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Most infections don't announce themselves - they show up as small, odd symptoms before anything looks obviously wrong.

Signs to watch for

1. Your browser or a visitor's shows a red "Deceptive site ahead" / "This site may be hacked" warning.
2. The site redirects unexpectedly to another page, or shows content you didn't add - pop-ups, adult content, spam links buried in the page.
3. You notice files or a WordPress admin user you don't recognise, or existing files with a very recent, unexplained modification date.
4. Outgoing e-mail bounces, or your domain lands on a spam blocklist, without you having sent anything unusual.
5. The site slows down or the hosting resource usage spikes for no reason you changed.

Check it directly

1. In cPanel, open **Imunify Security** - every account here is scanned automatically, and this page shows anything already detected or quarantined, no need to request a scan.
2. For a second opinion, paste your domain into **sitecheck.sucuri.net** (free, no account needed) or check **Google's Safe Browsing report** for your domain.

Running WordPress?

A security plugin such as Wordfence adds ongoing monitoring on top of the server-level scanning, and will flag a compromised plugin or theme file specifically.

Found something? See **how to clean up a compromised site**.

NEED A HAND?

Found a warning and not sure what it means? Send us the details.

Open a support ticket →

SEE ALSO

- How to redirect HTTP to HTTPS with .htaccess
- How to clean up a compromised site
- Why does my SSL certificate show fewer than 365 days?
- Want a paid SSL certificate? See the options.

WEB HOSTING

Looking for hosting that stays out of your way?

cPanel, a free SSL certificate, backups every night before dawn kept for a year, and support that answers in your language.

See hosting plans →

Free migration of your current site · no lock-in

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