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Subject: It is good to prohibit or restrict spyware

I believe that it is a good idea to prohibit the placement of spyware on computers without the owner's consent. Most of these spy programs are placed on peoples' computers without their knowledge or consent. Sometimes, it is by current or former spouses or lovers who want to seek revenge on their former spouses and lovers. It can be placed on these computers by stalkers. These programs are sometimes placed on computers because of workplace or family rivalries. These programs could often be abused as well to commit identity theft against the owners of the PCs in which they were surreptitiously placed on computers. Although many of these programs are sneakily inserted into "free" downloads, many, if not most of the people, downloading these programs have not been informed that these "free" downloads have spyware embedded in them. Some computer users who accept these "free" downloads with embedded spyware are children who are using their parents' computers and downloading the "free" stuff with embedded spyware without their parents' knowledge.