

## Securing Your PC

Following are some steps that can be taken to help secure your pc and the information you send to reduce the risk of exposure to scams & threats.

State Bank of Waverly recommends using a minimum of the following security tools to increase your protection when you are using the internet or email.

**Anti-Spyware:** Be sure your computer has an anti-spyware protection program that detects and removes spyware. Remember to configure your anti-spyware program to update automatically and verify that the updates are completed properly.

**Anti-Virus:** Be sure your computer has an anti-virus protection program that detects and removes viruses. Remember to configure your anti-virus program to update automatically and verify that the updates are completed properly. This will help to protect your pc from common viruses and trojans commonly sent via email.

**Firewall:** Add a firewall to your system. There are many different types of firewalls, including software based, hardware appliance, or may be included with router. Firewalls may be a combination of security devices and services intended to prevent unauthorized access to your pc or network.

**Operating System Updates:** Critical updates published by your software vendor should be tested and applied as soon as they are available. Often referred to as patches or service packs, these updates include the latest signatures and fixes to address known vulnerabilities on your system.

**Pop-up Blockers:** Install or activate the pop-up blocker included with your operating system. Pop-ups are not only annoying, but many times are misleading. Do not enter any personal information on a pop-up at any time, close them immediately. State Bank of Waverly will never solicit any personal information from a customer through the use of a pop-up.

