

## Crooks Use Royal Baby To Attack Computers

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(KUTV) Eyes and ears around the world are anxiously awaiting news out of England - that the royal baby has arrived. Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge is set to give birth anytime now to her and Prince William's first child but there are still many unanswered questions: When will the baby arrive, what will it look like and is it a boy or a girl?

To find answers, many have turned to internet searches and the crooks have taken note, according to Patrick Morganelli, Senior VP for Product Development for SpywareRemove.com.

"Right now we are seeing a spike [in spyware] due to the royal baby announcement," he said.

Morganelli says that by doing something as simple as clicking a link, a person may unknowingly download spyware onto their computer. The spyware works as a secret program that searches your computer for private information that is then beamed off to the crook.

"We often see these types of things whenever there is a large newsworthy event," Morganelli said.

Morganelli advises avoiding links in emails and staying away from unknown websites.

If you think your computer might be infected, you can go to [www.spywareremove.com](http://www.spywareremove.com) where the company offers a way consumers can scan their computers for free.

If spyware is discovered, it's not free to have it removed or monitored.

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