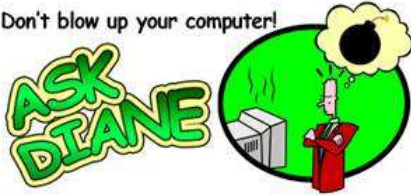


Don't blow up your computer!



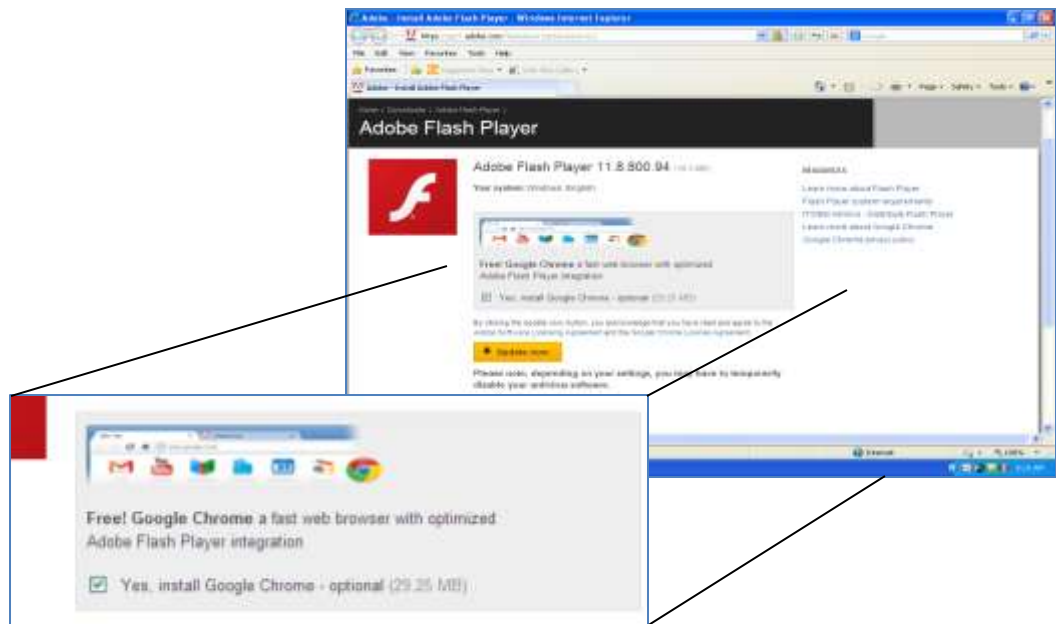
Dear Diane,

The other day I was given the option to update Java but I wasn't certain I should do it, so I said no. What should I have done? Is there any update I shouldn't accept?

### Update or Not

Dear Up- Dateless,

You bring up a good point when an update becomes available. There are certain programs that require updating, and yet even some of them need to be carefully viewed before updating.



One such install is for Adobe Flash Player. When you are asked to update Flash Player this is what the screen may look like. What you may not notice is that installing Google Chrome has been selected for you. Google Chrome may not play well with programs you already have installed and so you need to uncheck the box to make it go away and **not** install. This is a bit like making certain you read the fine print in any contract you sign. You may get more than you bargained for. Another example is Java, which has Ask.com selected. You don't need to install anything other than what you want. Watch out for pre-selected options. It is OK to call the Help Desk or me and see if it is a safe download. Enjoy.