

## Re: Medium setting in IE ok for home user?

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In article <9534CCE6F133431E75@127.0.0.1>, franklin\_lo@mail.com says...

> *It is ok for a home user on WinXP to set IE6's Security Settings to*

> *'Medium'.*

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> *Are there any malware exploits, malicious websites, etc which might*

> *cause my PC damage on that setting?*

There is a very good explanation of how you should have your internet security settings configured available from Microsoft – I'll post the link at the bottom.

Here is what I tell clients when asked about IE Security:

In the last month we've seen a large number of customers and friends that have home computers that are constantly getting pop-ups and other nasties. The easiest way to clean a machine is to download SpyBot Search and Destroy from <http://www.safer-networking.org/index.php?page=download> and the update and run it several times (about half-way down the page).

Once you get your machine cleaned, you can make the following changes to your Internet Explorer settings to help keep web sites from installing bad things on your computers.

There are a couple simple things that you can do if you are using IE, they make browsing a little more of a challenge, but they make it more secure and still provide full ability on sites you trust:

- 1) Open IE, select TOOLS, Internet Options
- 2) Select Security TAB
- 3) Select "Internet" globe
- 4) Click DEFAULT LEVEL, then SELECT HIGH
- 5) Select "Custom Level"
- 6) Select "Scripting – Active Scripting – Prompt"
- 7) Click OK
- 8) Select "Trusted Sites Check Mark Circle"
- 9) Select "SITES", uncheck "Require Server Verification" – you will be adding the normal and secure sites in here that you trust, if you don't uncheck this you can't enter non-secure sites in this list.

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- 10) Type "<http://v4.windowsupdate.microsoft.com>" in the ADD box and click ADD
- 11) Type "<http://Windowsupdate.microsoft.com>" in the ADD box and click ADD, click OK to close window
- 12) Click "Default Level" then change to "Medium".
- 13) Select "Privacy" tab, set to MEDIUM HIGH
- 14) Select "General" tab, select "Temporary Internet Files – Settings"
- 15) Select "Every visit to the page"