

## Re: 292 MPV Warning

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Does the window title say anything about Messenger? If so, you need a firewall. 'Messenger spam', is not in itself harmful, but is symptomatic of a larger problem – your computer has ports open from the Internet.

You can disable the Messenger service, but that is unwise as a solution as you'll still have the underlying problem that caused you to get the messages in the first place – consider the messages a useful warning that you have no protection from the Internet. This is all too important now, given the recent rash of RPC worms....

For a standalone machine, see [www.sygate.com](http://www.sygate.com) for a free personal firewall, or if using Windows XP, you can enable the built-in internet connection firewall (ICF).

See <http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm> for more info. Also, <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/nopopups.htm> is a good resource – although for browser popups, you might want to consider <http://toolbar.google.com> – it works like a champ and is also handy for searching. Also run AdAware or Spybot (google 'em) to clean up your browser hijack.

heatherm wrote:

- > *This popped up on my computer:*
- > *Privacy Vulnerability Detected (292 MPV*
- > *Warning) ... "your internet activities are being*
- > *recorded."*
- > *It somehow made itself become my homepage, which I*
- > *altered back.*
- > *How did it appear on my computer in the first place?*
- > *Will it come back?*
- > *Is it truly from Microsoft Windows and legitimate?*
- > *If so, what are the ramifications of it appearing on my*
- > *computer?*