

## Re: How Do I Lock Down a System?

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If you logon to a computer as a regular user that is not in the local administrators or power users group, that will restrict access to the system folders and most of the registry for the local machine. I notice that SpyBot Search and Destroy has an immunize mode and other options to lock down your computer from spyware as do other spyware programs and some will alert you to attempts by spyware to modify your computer. The downside is that you might find that you can not change Internet Explorer settings after that until you undo the settings. Of course this is no guarantee that you can not be compromised as new threats pop up all the time. I would also check out the two links below. The first one has recommended minimum security settings for IE. The second one is more secure yet and shows how a Windows 2003 Server is configured for Internet Explorer by default which takes advantage of using Web Content Zones and sets the default internet zone security to high and used the trusted zone for know secure websites at a medium security setting. Of course keeping current with critical updates at Windows Updates is important to keeping a computer secure. --- Steve

<http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/unwanted.htm>

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:815141>

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/default.aspx> -- MS minimum security recommendations.

"Robert Paris" <rpjava@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
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> *I want lock down a Win2k Pro system so spyware, etc cannot install. What  
> does this entail? How do I go about it? (And...what are the repercussions?)*  
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> *I believe this means, no write access to system files and directories, or  
> the registry?*  
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> *Thanks!*  
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