

## Re: Windows Messenger Service

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Open Help and Support and search for "firewall". This will tell you how to enable XP's built in firewall. If you have a valid reason not to use a firewall, click Start, Run and enter SERVICES.MSC Locate the Messenger entry and double click it. Set it to Stopped and Disabled.

However, the reason they can get to the Messenger Service (not to be confused with Windows Messenger) in the first place, is that your internet connection is not secure.

<http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/winmesspop.htm>

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> I keep getting these annoying pop-up messages (in grey boxes, and usually  
> advertising some porn site), despite the fact that my Nortons Firewall is  
> cranked up to the max! I understand that this is something to do with the  
> Windows Messenger Service (not to be confused with MSN Messenger - the chat  
> program).

> I know there is a way to disable this on my PC, can anyone tell me how to go  
> about it, thanks!

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