

## Re: getting rid of reset disc

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Lee Murphy wrote:

> ok so heres the deal, my step dad i think stole my reset disc (dont  
> know how he found it) and today got into my account. i need to  
> disable password disc on my computer. i can't make a new one (to  
> render the old one unusable) because my floppy drive's unplugged and  
> only he knows how to make it work. i'm really stuck here. i tried  
> making a new account so that he wouldn't have the disk for that but  
> then my sims2 neighbourhoods were all gone. what should i do??

First – did you purchase the computer with your money?

"Step-Dad" should not have access to it unless you are still under "his roof", which means you are a dependent.

Assign all new passwords to all accounts and password protect your BIOS. The old disk is worthless then. Go through this list and secure your PC.

\*WARNING\* This is a LONG spill, all in plain text and simplified so that even non-techs should be able to understand it. Hopefully this will assist some people in not only repairing their systems, but in making them faster and more stable tools for them to use. It contains advice on many things, many considered "common knowledge" to 'IT' people everywhere. It is split into major sections, hopefully this will make it easier to navigate. \*WARNING\*

Suggestions on what you can do to secure/clean your PC. Every attempt has been made to be general and an assumption of a "Windows" operating system is made here as well – although in some ways, this could be adapted to any OS.

### GENERAL UPKEEP AND CLEANUP

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You should periodically defragment your hard drives as well as check them for errors. Only defragment after you have cleaned up your machine of outside parasites and never defragment as a solution to a quirkiness in your system. It may help speed up your system, but it should be clean before you do this one.

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How to Defragment your hard drives

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=314848>

How to scan your disks for errors

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=315265>

How to use Disk Cleanup

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kb>