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You can not edit Group Policy in XP Home but it sounds like registry entries are in place that do what Group Policy would. This could be an indication the computer already has malware and/or spyware and I would be sure to scan for both in regular and Safe Mode. Be sure to update definitions on any program you scan with ahead of time. AdAware SE is a pretty good and free program to try out if she does not have one yet. See the last link below on registry entries that may cause this behavior and you could logon as a local administrator and use regedit to remove those two registry keys. --- Steve

<http://www.javasoftusa.com/software/adaware/> --- AdAware SE link

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/windowsxpsp2/Default.aspx>

--- Protect Your PC tips and links to other valuable information on viruses and spyware.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxpro/deploy/depfwset/wfsp2ngp.aspx>

The registry keys to add to disable Windows Firewall for both the domain and standard profiles are the following:

. HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\WindowsFirewall\DomainProfile \EnableFirewall=0 (DWORD data type)

. HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\WindowsFirewall\StandardProfile \EnableFirewall=0 (DWORD data type)

"Andy A" <Andy A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:3AFD26AB-A639-4776-9989-4040FE555A81@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

>I just installed SP2 on my Sister's laptop from XP Home, however I am  
>unable

> to get the Windows Firewall to run. When I go into the Firewall  
> Recommendation in the Security Center and select "enable now" i get the  
> message;

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> "We're sorry. The Security Center could not turn on Windows Firewall. To  
> try

> turning on the firewall yourself, go to Windows Firewall in Control Panel.

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> In  
> the Windows Firewall dialog General tab, select On (recommended), and then  
> click OK."  
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> so I do what the above says and the green "on" section is greyed out and I  
> can't click the on box, and at the top there is a blue banner with "for  
> your  
> security, some settings are controlled by Group Policy".  
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> The computer isnt on any networks and is a standalone home machine with  
> only  
> dial-up access, I wasn't even aware you could edit group policy on XP  
> Home.  
> Ive tried going into the Administrator mode, but this loads in safe mode  
> and  
> I can't alter any security center settings. I would appreciate any ideas  
> of  
> how to get the firewall running so my Sister doesn't fill it full of worms  
> and trojans next time she unleashes herself on the internet.  
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> Thanks.

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