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Today Shenan Stanley commented courteously on the subject at hand

As for your direct question.. I was serious about backing up your system first. I have seen what you are about to attempt go horribly wrong more than once. Iso keep this link in mind – it can restore your system to a working state should Norton destroy it in the way I have seen before..

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/307545>

I'm assuming simply setting a RP isn't enough? After years on XP, now on SP2, I still don't fully understand what RPs do and do not backup. Thanks.

Then your order seems fine.
Installing – Norton System Works then Internet Security.

I really think you should reconsider though – I think you will be shocked how much faster your system seems without those two things installed. heh

I have System Works 2006. It is indeed a resource hog, and I have never succeeded in being able to configure the worm blocker, despite several calls to folks in India (literally) who know less about the product than I do. They wouldn't talk to me until I'd ran some bullshit security check of my system off their web site, which took 8 hours. Then, when I re-reported the 3 error codes, they said "the install was corrupt, uninstall, defrag your HD, and re-install. Not. I just live without worm blocking.

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The utilities package is OK, except that Speed Disk won't complete. I do like NAV 2006 pretty well, it traps all the bad stuff I think is coming my way (of course, if it misses one, I wouldn't know about it).

When I uninstalled System Works 2003, I used JV16 Powertools to find and delete the /thousands/ of orphan Registry entries. Uninstall also left orphan files and folders, some hidden, which were a bother to find and delete. And, as I always do, I defragged my HD to be sure that no remnants were left anywhere.

While "Windows security" is a classic oxymoron like "military intelligence", I have read so much bad stuff about Norton Internet Protection that I don't even look at the boxes in the stores for fear it might attach itself to me biologically and infect my system. So, like you, I wish the OP well, but he's most likely headed for a nuke and re-install of XP.

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