

## Re: how to set up a main password?

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i have my self as administrator and i have 4 kids as limited users. i  
can get  
windows to save a password on each user and my self but how do i set  
up a  
password for the main windows. another words to even turn the computer  
on i  
want a password so they cannot just get on at any time. it this  
possible. the  
only time i get it to do it is if i delete all of the accounts then i  
can  
have a main log on password.

The next time you boot look for a message right at the start saying  
which F (function) key to press to enter 'setup' or words to that  
effect. (E.G F2 fo my PC.)

At the following boot press that key – you normally have to get in early  
to catch it before Windows gets going.

With care explore the settings, note the hints about which keys move  
between settings and which keys change and store settings. There's  
normally a 'get out without changing anything' option if you should get  
something wrong. There are settings there which could really cause you  
trouble.

Look for 'security' and the 'system' password or some such and set a  
password you can't possibly forget !

There may be another password to protect Setup itself.

Better still read the manufacturer's instructions about BIOS setup if  
you should be so lucky.

Tom