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How to Disable Security Center Alerts

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If you're running Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2) Windows Security Center should tell you the status of your antivirus software, firewall, and automatic updates. Security Center will alert you if your antivirus is out of date or turned off, firewall is turned off, or if Automatic Update is not turned on.

If you have received multiple alerts and would like to turn notifications off, you can disable the antivirus, firewall, or automatic update alerts.

Note You should only disable these alerts if you are an expert user. If you are in the process of updating or installing software you may also want to temporarily disable alerts, but please be sure to turn alerts back on so Windows can keep your status up to date.

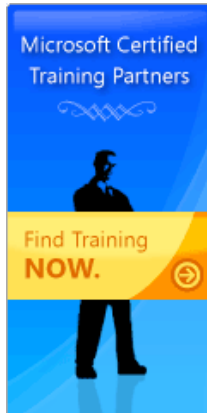
To turn off Security Center alerts

1. Click **Start** and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click **Security Center**.
3. In the Security Center, under **Resources**, click **Change the way Security Center alerts me**.
4. In the **Alert Settings** dialog box, clear the **Firewall, Automatic Updates, or Virus Protection** check boxes, and then click **OK**.

When you use this procedure, the Security Center still displays your status, but does not send you alerts.

Note If your computer is part of a domain (a group of computers on a network), your security settings are typically managed by your network administrator. In this case, the Security Center does not display your security status or send alerts.

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