

How To: Disable file & print sharing in Win2000 / XP

▶ **Summary**

The following step-by-step information describes how to disable file & print sharing in Win2000/XP.

▶ **Manual Solution**

Your cable modem has the same security as a dial-up modem. The normal, default configuration for home computers protects your files from any access outside your home.

But there is a risk when enabling file and printer sharing on your computer, or using it as a server. Experienced computer users, with several computers, sometimes want to move things between them quickly.

Lindsey Communications does not recommend file and printer sharing, or running your own server. These features are unsupported.

Leave file and printer sharing off unless there is a specific reason. If not properly configured, other Lindsey Communications High Speed Internet users could access your hard disk.

To disable file and printer sharing in Windows 2000 or XP, follow these steps:

1. Select Start > Settings > Control Panel.
2. Double-click Network.
3. Click the Configuration tab.
4. Uncheck File And Printer Sharing.
5. Click OK. The changes take effect immediately; you do not need to restart your computer.

If you do use file sharing, use password protection.

All Steps Complete