



Microsoft Discontinues Support **for Windows XP Operating Systems**

As of April 8, 2014, Microsoft will be ending its support for the Windows XP operating system. What does the end of support mean? According to Microsoft, it means Windows XP users should take action. There will be no new security updates, non-security hotfixes, free or paid assisted support options or online technical content updates after April 8, 2014.

Running Windows XP at your home or business after April 8, 2014 may expose you to potential security risks because unsupported and unpatched computer operating systems are vulnerable to security risks.

Please take the following steps to ensure you are protected from the risks involved with this program.

- 1) Replace old Windows XP computers with new computers running on a currently supported operating system OR disconnect any remaining Windows XP computers from the internet and isolate them from your network.
- 2) Block staff or volunteers who remotely access your network via a computer running Windows XP.
- 3) Prevent employees from accepting information, data or documents that have been created or stored on a Windows XP personal computer, especially via a thumb drive or other storage device.
- 4) Verify that third party service providers have properly addressed the Windows XP concern.

Please work with your IT people to make sure you are taking the right steps in securing your network and information.

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