

HP Recovery partition

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Hello. A family member recently got a laptop, which she's more or less been abusing (e.g. not shutting down properly). It's call HP Pavilion dv6500 Notebook PC. Follwoing are the epcifications:

AMD Athlon 64x2 Dual Core PRocessor TK-55 1.88 Ghz
32 bit operating system
Windows Vista Home Premium
140 Gb hard drive

When I right-clicked My Computer or whatever to get the specifications, I noticed an icon indicating (I presume) another hard drive that had the description:

HP Rocevery 1.81 GB free of 8.42.

Then presuming that this was a recovery file full of junk that had collected there on account of her improperly shutting down the computer (e.g. when programs are still running), I right clicked it, when I got the following disconcerting message:

Recovery Partition warning: Area HD files used for PC recovery. Don't delete or alter files. Any change to partition could prevent any recovery later.

Obviously, I didn't do anything when I got this message. However, it doesn't make sense to me that this "partition" or whatever it is would be almost full when she hasn't had the laptop for that long, and hasn't used it extenisvely.

So, with that said, my question is whether the situation I'm describing to you is normal. If it's not, what do I need to do in order to fix it?

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