

Re: Installation Question

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Just be very careful if you have turned on any security or encryption. Reinstalling XP will destroy the encryption keys, and if you don't have a backup, while the files will still be there, you won't be able to access them, and this is a VERY difficult, nearly impossible situation to "work around".

There is a function in XP to backup the encryption keys to a floppy disk or other device.

anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com wrote:

>>-----*Original Message*-----
>>*I have two physical HDDs in my system, and have moved*
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> *all*
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>>*of my files to the second HDD. I need to know if I*
>>*reinstall Windows XP Pro on the first HDD in a clean*
>>*install, will my data on the second HDD still be there*
>>*when the installation is complete? Thanks!*
>>.
>>*Yes it will. I did the same thing without a problem.*