

## Re: Scroll lock turns on by itself

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Well, there is a way. Windows is nothing but a fancy 'Message Pump' in a while loop. The message to turn on the scroll lock could be 'hooked' to return nothing with a small windows TSR. Anyone with Visual Studio could write one with the Foundation Classes in minutes. Find a developer newsgroup and ask for one. (I'm 'retired' from all that. My old version of V.S. probably wouldn't even install in Vista.)

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"asliae" <[asliae@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:asliae@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:3B73EA41-C15F-40DD-998F-BAA37B700614@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Thanks, but I usually catch it pretty quickly because I see the light on the keyboard turn on. And if I'm working in Excel, then I know immediately because it affects how I move between cells.

This happens dozens of times a day, and I really want to find a way to stop it from happening. At one point I had even written a script that would turn off the Scroll Lock, and then I scheduled it to run every three minutes. But I don't like having an extra program running in the background just to shut this off. There must be a way to address this in the OS.

Thanks.

"Mark L. Ferguson" wrote:

I suggest setting it to warn you that it happened.

Control Panel/Accessibility options/  
In the Sound tab click to check the Use SoundSentry checkbox.  
Click the Settings button and select Flash active window in the Warning for windowed programs drop-down menu.

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"asliae" <asliae@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:E027F47C-CCA5-4634-A8C5-8621EED053C4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
> To turn the scroll lock On or Off on my laptop, I have to press > Function +  
> Num Lk. There have been times when I have not even been typing and I >  
> will  
> still see the indicator turn on by itself.  
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> This has been an on-going issue for many months. It's very > frustrating,  
> particularly when working in Excel. Scroll lock does not come on  
> automatically when I boot up the PC; however, after I have been working >  
> on  
> the computer for a while it will start turning on by itself. There > have  
> been  
> times when it would come On, I would turn it Off, and then it would > turn  
> back  
> on within 30-45 seconds. It's not usually that quick, but it does > happen  
> frequently. This problem is also not limited to my laptop, but > frequently  
> occurs on other Dell D620's in our group.  
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> How can I make sure that the Scroll Lock feature only turns on when I  
> actually push the buttons?  
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> Alternately, is there a way to disable the Scroll Lock feature within > the  
> OS? BIOS is password protected and I do not have access to it, so I'm  
> looking for OS options.  
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> Thank you.  
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