

Re: exchanging computer at store advice neede

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I doubt you're going to find a magnet "really strong" enough to wipe a hard drive.

"matchstich" <matchstich@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:B433BAAD-631D-489B-BC6A-8829C6115C59@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> was told if you get a really strong magnet and run it across the hard
> drive,
> that will wipe out everything on it
> --
> xp-pro,sp2,ff1.0.6,40gb,380mb
> vig mobo,900gz,
> computer newbie

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> "Ron Martell" wrote:

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>> "Ninip" <gwen6039@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>>> Hi all

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>>>> If I do manage to exchange my faulty WINXP computer for a new one at

>>>> Staples, what about all my personal info on that faulty computer?

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>>>>> Do I just hand over my old computer with everything still on it (I can't

>>>>> get

>>>>> into it to delete my personal files and Pictures)

>>>>>
>>>>>> Doesn't seem right.

>>>>>> Pls help me figure this out.

>>>>>> Thanks in advance.

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>>>>>>> If Staples takes the computer back it will almost certainly be sent to

>>>>>>> HP to be refurbished. That will involve, at a minimum, wiping out the

>>>>>>> hard drive completely and installing a fresh copy of Windows.

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>>>>>>>>> It would be better, at least for your peace of mind, if you could wipe

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>> out the data from the hard drive, but I would not be unduly concerned
>> in this instance.
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>> Have you tried accessing the System Recovery function in your
>> computer's BIOS setup? Try pressing the F10 key during the initial
>> startup sequence, or watch the screen for instructions on starting
>> "System Recovery".
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>> Good luck
>>
>> Ron Martell Duncan B.C. Canada
>> --
>> Microsoft MVP
>> On-Line Help Computer Service
>> <http://onlinehelp.bc.ca>
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>> In memory of a dear friend Alex Nichol MVP
>> <http://aumha.org/alex.htm>
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• **References:**

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