

## Re: unwanted toolbars

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Phil wrote:

- > *We have internet explorer 6. My kids went somewhere on the net and now*
- > *there is this irritating Begin25search.com toolbar at the bottom of*
- > *my normal IE toolbar. How do i get rid of it. --*
- > *Phil*

Spyware/Adware/Hijack..

**\*WARNING\*** This is a LONG spill, all in plain text and simplified so that even non-techs should be able to understand it. Hopefully this will assist some people in not only repairing their systems, but in making them faster and more stable tools for them to use. It contains advice on many things, many considered "common knowledge" to 'IT' people everywhere. It is split into major sections, hopefully this will make it easier to navigate. **\*WARNING\***

If you don't wish to follow all of the advice immediately, just want to get rid of your current dilemma, then you are welcome to scroll down to the section titled "SPYWARE/ADWARE/POPUPS/HIJACKS", where your problem as stated should be resolved by the applications and suggestions found in that section. If this helps solve your problem then I again HIGHLY suggest you follow the rest of the advice below (matter of fact, I suggest it either way.)

Suggestions on what you can do to secure/clean your PC. Every attempt has been made to be general and an assumption of a "Windows" operating system is made here as well – although in some ways, this could be adapted to any OS.

### GENERAL UPKEEP AND CLEANUP

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You should periodically defragment your hard drives as well as check them for errors.

How to Defragment your hard drives

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=314848>

How to scan your disks for errors

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=315265>

How to use Disk Cleanup

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=310312>

You should also empty your Internet Explorer Temporary Internet Files and make sure the maximum size for this is small enough not to cause trouble in the future. Empty your Temporary Internet Files and shrink the size it stores to a size between 120MB and 480MB..

- Open ONE copy of Internet Explorer.
- Select TOOLS -> Internet Options.
- Under the General tab in the "Temporary Internet Files" section, do the &