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HOW TO: Copy Files from Recovery Console to Removable Media

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SUMMARY

This article describes how to configure Windows 2000 Recovery Console so that you can gain access to removable media devices without restriction. You can use Recovery Console for recovery purposes when your Windows 2000-based computer does not start properly or does not start at all. **WARNING**: This feature is disabled by default for security reasons. Removing this restriction can potentially jeopardize the security of your operating system.

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Procedure

1. To enable the security option, start the appropriate Windows 2000 security tool:
 - Local Security Policy (in Administrative tools)
 - Domain Security Policy (in Administrative tools)
 - Domain Controller Security Policy (in Administrative tools)
 - Security Configuration and Analysis (MMC snap-in)
2. In the MMC console tree pane, expand **Local Policies**, click **Security Options**, and then click the following security policy in the details pane:

Recovery Console: Allow floppy copy and access to all drives and all folders
3. On the **Action** menu, click **Security**.
4. When the **Local Security Policy Setting** dialog box is displayed, click **Enabled**, and then click **OK**.
5. Start into Recovery Console, and then type the following command at a command prompt:

set allowremovablemedia = true

You can now copy files to and from a removable media source (for example, a disk).

NOTE: You must retype the **set** command each time you start into Recovery Console.

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REFERENCES

For additional information, click the article numbers below to view the articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[229716](#) Description of the Windows 2000 Recovery Console

[216417](#) How to Install the Windows 2000 Recovery console

[235364](#) The purpose of the SET command in the Recovery Console

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