

# How do I use group policy to improve security of USB thumb drives in my organization?

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A customer wanted to know how they could improve the security of USB thumb drives in their organization. Specifically, they wanted to block access to removable media devices (primarily USB thumb drives), but provide a list of exceptions for specific thumb drives. Fortunately, there's a whitepaper that covers exactly this topic and explains how to set up your policies to accomplish this.

[Step-By-Step Guide to Controlling Device Installation Using Group Policy](#)

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