

NORTON CrashGuard

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Recovering from crashes and freezes:

When you use CrashGuard and Anti-Freeze to recover from crashes and freezes, **you should not assume that everything is back to normal**. The crash or freeze could be a symptom of more serious problems with the application. In general, you should:

- Save your work as best you can.
- Exit the offending application.
- Restart the application.

Click here `{button ,AL('anti-freeze',0,';')}` for related information.

Saving your work

Follow these tips when saving your work:

- Because your document or data file might have been damaged by the crash or freeze, you should first try to save your work into a new file using the Save As command (in the File menu of most applications). This way, the original file, which might still be sound, will remain intact.
- If Save As does not work, try the Save command. But be aware that, even if the save seems to succeed, the next time you try to open the document, it might not open because of the possible damage, or it might need extensive repair.
- If the Save or Save As commands do not work, try selecting the entire document (many applications have a Select All command in the Edit menu) and copying it to the clipboard with the Copy command (in the Edit menu of most applications). If you close the program and start it again (without shutting down Windows) you should be able to paste your work from the clipboard into a new blank work space.
- Some programs include an Export command (often In the File or Tools menu), which might let you save your document in a different format. If an application has an Export command, it will likely have a corresponding Import command that you can use to reclaim your work after you exit the application.
- If none of these techniques work, you can try printing your document or copying it down by hand so that you at least have a solid record of your work.

Click here {button ,AL('anti-freeze',0,'')} for related information.

Partially disabled applications

Follow these tips to work with partially disabled applications:


- Some freezes might be only partial; for example, the application might stop responding to the keyboard, but will still respond to the mouse. Try clicking the application's menu, since that is the portion most likely to work and probably contains the commands you need most, such as Save, Copy, and Export.
- After a freeze or crash, some parts of a program might stop responding while other parts still work. If the program was showing a dialog box at the time of the malfunction, try clicking its Cancel button or pressing Esc to make it go away. Do not click other controls unless you really need them, since they might be part of the malfunction.
- Sometimes the shape of the mouse cursor can become frozen and its functionality will be other than what its shape indicates. If the mouse cursor is an hourglass (or some other special-purpose shape), try clicking the application anyway.
- As you try to recover, some commands or controls might cause the program to crash or freeze. But CrashGuard and Anti-Freeze should catch those problems too, so just keep trying until you manage to save your work by one of the methods above.

Click here `{button ,AL('anti-freeze',0,'','')}` for related information.

Norton CrashGuard Settings dialog box

Use this dialog box to configure CrashGuard's crash protection, test the 16-bit and 32-bit exception handler, and to view CrashGuard statistics.

Crash Protection:

- Configure whether CrashGuard traps and fixes crashes caused by 16-bit and 32-bit applications.
If you do not use any 16-bit applications (for example, older programs written for Windows 3.x), you can leave the Enable 16-bit Crash Protection check box unchecked.
- Enhances the Close Program dialog box (which appears when you press Ctrl+Alt+Del) to include an Anti-Freeze button. This lets you apply Anti-Freeze to a frozen program even if the entire system stops responding.
The option to add Anti-Freeze to Ctrl+Alt+Del does not appear in the Settings dialog box under Windows NT because Anti-Freeze is always accessible in the menu that appears when you right-click the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar.

Statistics:

- View the number of crashes and freezes CrashGuard intercepted.
- Click Details to view detailed information about the crashes CrashGuard has trapped and the frozen applications it has unfrozen.

Click here {button ,AL(`exceptions',0,`,`)} for related information.

Norton CrashGuard Statistics dialog box

This dialog box displays:

- How many crashes you have had.
- How many freezes you have had.
- Which applications and modules caused the errors.

Note:

▪ The applications named TEST16.EXE and TEST32.EXE are CrashGuard's exception-generating programs that are run when you click Test in one of the Crash Test dialog boxes. If either application shows up in this list, those crashes were probably *not* encountered during "normal" computing.

Click here {button ,KL('exceptions',0,'')} for related information.

Using the 16-bit Crash Test dialog box

Use this dialog box to generate any of the 16-bit [exceptions](#) listed. This tests CrashGuard's ability to trap and fix the resulting crash.

To generate an exception:

- 1 Select the exception you want to generate.
- 2 Click Generate.

Note:

▪ As you select each exception, a detailed description of it appears near the bottom of the dialog box.

Click here [{button ,AL\('exceptions'\)}](#) for related information.

16-bit Exceptions

Norton CrashGuard traps crashes caused by the following 16-bit exceptions:

General Protection Fault

The program tried to examine data that is off-limits or does not exist.

Invalid Opcode

The program tried to execute an instruction that is not recognized by the processor.

Divide By Zero

The program tried to divide a number by 0. This is an arithmetic problem for which there is no solution, so the computer cannot calculate the result.

Stack overflow

The program used too many automatic variables or nested function calls too deeply.

Click here {button „AL('exceptions')} for related information.

Using the 32-bit Crash Test dialog box

Use this dialog box to generate any of the 32-bit [exceptions](#) listed. This tests CrashGuard's ability to trap and fix the resulting crash.

To generate an exception:

- 1 Select the exception you want to generate.
- 2 Click Generate.

Note:

- As you select each exception, a detailed description of it appears near the bottom of the dialog box.

Click here [{button ,AL\('exceptions'\)}](#) for related information.

Opening Anti-Freeze

To launch Anti-Freeze from the desktop:

▶ Right-click the CrashGuard icon



in the taskbar and select Anti-Freeze.

▶ The Anti-Freeze dialog box appears, listing all the programs you can apply Anti-Freeze to.

▶ Select the program which is not responding and click "Unfreeze" to apply Anti-Freeze to it. If the program does not start responding, or if it immediately freezes again, you can apply Anti-Freeze again.

To activate Anti-Freeze when the system does not respond:

▶ Press Ctrl+Alt+Del once. After a pause, Windows displays the Close Program dialog box which lists all running programs. If you are running Windows NT, see the note below.

▶ If you select a program in the list which is appropriate for the use of Anti-Freeze, the Anti-Freeze button will be enabled. Anti-Freeze does not operate on certain hidden system programs or drivers.

▶ If one of the programs is labeled "[Not Responding]" you should concentrate on it first. A single frozen application can cause the entire system to freeze. This is called **blocking**, and it occurs because the system is waiting for that program to finish a particular action.


Note:

Pressing Ctrl+Alt+Del to access Anti-Freeze is not an option under Windows NT. Anti-Freeze is always accessible in the menu that appears when you right-click the CrashGuard icon in the taskbar.

Click here {button ,AL(' anti-freeze')} for related information.

Closing CrashGuard

To close CrashGuard:

- 1 Right-click the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar.
- 2 Select Close. A dialog box appears and ask you to confirm that you want to close CrashGuard.

Notes:

- Closing CrashGuard this way removes it from memory and prevents it from protecting your system against crashes. (To restart CrashGuard, see [Launching CrashGuard](#).)
- If a running program has become dependent on CrashGuard to keep operating, CrashGuard continues to provide protection to that particular program until it closes.

Click here {button ,AL('crashguard')} for related information.

Closing a frozen application

Sometimes an application cannot be satisfactorily unfrozen. (For example, an application might freeze because the data it is working with has been damaged. Anti-Freeze might unfreeze the application but then the application immediately freezes again because of the damaged data.) In such cases, you might need to close the frozen application.





To close a frozen application:

- 1 Close Anti-Freeze (if it is still open).
- 2 Press Ctrl+Alt+Del to display Windows' Close Program dialog box.
- 3 Select the frozen application in the list of running applications.
- 4 Click End Task.

Click here {button ,AL(`anti-freeze`)} for related information.

Configuring CrashGuard

To configure CrashGuard:

- 1 Right-click the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar.
- 2 Check the “32-Bit Crash Protection” item  to let CrashGuard trap and fix crashes caused by 32-bit applications.
- 3 Check the “16-Bit Crash Protection” item  to let CrashGuard trap and fix crashes caused by 16-bit applications.
- 4 Check the “Add Anti-Freeze to Ctrl+Alt+Del” item  to make the Anti-Freeze feature available from the Close Program dialog box. (The Close Program dialog box appears when you press Ctrl+Alt+Del.) This option does not apply to Windows NT users.

Note:

- You can also configure CrashGuard by clicking Settings in the main CrashGuard shield.

Click here [{button ,AL\(`settings'\)}](#) for related information.

32-bit Exceptions

Norton CrashGuard traps crashes caused by the following 32-bit exceptions:

Access Violation

The program tried to examine invalid data. This means that there is either no information at that location, or the information is off-limits to the program.

Array Bounds Exceeded

The program tried looking off the end of an array. In other words, the program looked off the end of a finite-sized table it has in memory.

Breakpoint

A breakpoint marks a place where the program should stop when being tested by the original programmer.

Datatype Misalignment

Some programs use datatype-alignment to ensure the program knows what type of data it is using. Such programs will stop with this error if they try using the wrong type of data.

Float Denormal Operand

The program performed arithmetic using numbers too small to be represented in the normal way. Such numbers are called "denormalized" numbers.

Float Divide By Zero

The program tried to divide a real number by 0. This is an arithmetic problem for which there is no solution, so the computer cannot calculate the result.

Float Inexact Result

The program tried solving an arithmetic problem for which the result cannot be precisely recorded using the computer's binary number system.

Float Invalid Operation

The program attempted invalid arithmetic, such as calculating the square root of -1 or dividing infinity by infinity.

Float Overflow

The program tried solving arithmetic which lead to numbers too large to be recorded in the computer's binary number system.

Float Stack Check

The program used up all of the math processor's internal storage space. This error can also occur if a program tries to get more numbers from the math processor's storage after it has been emptied.

Float Underflow

The program performed arithmetic which yielded denormalized (too small to represent) results.

Illegal Instruction

The program sent the CPU an instruction which is undefined. This means the program uses a code number which does not correspond to any known operation.

In Page Error

(Simulated) This error occurs if Windows temporarily stores away some of a program's data on disk and then cannot get it back when it is needed again.

Integer Divide By Zero

The program tried to divide the integer number 1 by 0. This is an arithmetic problem for which there is no solution, so the computer cannot calculate the result.

Integer Overflow

The program tried to solve arithmetic which lead to numbers too large to be recorded in the computer's binary number system.

Invalid Disposition

(Simulated) The program tried to solve another error for itself, but did not tell the system how it should then proceed.

Non-Continuable Exception

(Simulated) The program tried to continue after a serious error without fixing the problem which caused the error.

Privileged Instruction

The program tried to perform an operation which it does not have the right to do. For stability's sake, many important operations can only be performed by the system.

Single Step

Signaled the system that the program completed a single instruction. This occurs if the programmer forgot to remove commands he/she used to test a program.

Stack Overflow

The program used up all of the stack-type memory allotted to it. The stack refers to a program's short-term memory.

Unknown (or private)

The program generated an exception that is not a standard Windows exception.

Click here [button ,AL\('exceptions'\)](#) for related information.

Answers to common questions

Where *can't* CrashGuard catch a crash?

Although CrashGuard catches every *type* of crash, it cannot catch crashes in all *locations* within KERNEL32.DLL, VxDs, and certain device drivers. Certain errors must be handled by the system.

Why can't CrashGuard fix every crash it catches?

CrashGuard can try to fix any crash it intercepts, but the damage might not be repairable. Frequently, an application cannot continue because:

- It crashed **after** it has corrupted its data.
- It cannot continue until some event occurs, but that event was interrupted by the crash.
- It is a 16-bit application which has destroyed its stack.

When does Anti-Freeze not work?

As when fixing crashes, Anti-Freeze cannot help an application if:

- It froze **after** corrupting its own data.
- It has set itself into a special state which it cannot clear.
- It does not know how to proceed because a required action was not completed.

How safe is CrashGuard?

CrashGuard is extremely safe.

- The 16-bit exception handler is also very safe in that it performs no background activity, does not hook onto other processes, and does not subclass

*it is only called by Toolhelp (a part of Windows) when a crash occurs in a 16-bit application.

- The application associated with the icon in the taskbar does nothing but bring up a menu when it is selected.

Click here {button ,AL('ConnectSymantec',0,'')} for related information.

Dealing with crashes

When CrashGuard traps a crash, the Norton CrashGuard dialog box appears and lists:

- The program that crashed.
- The type of crash.

To view details about the crash:

▶ Click Details to expand the dialog box and display some detailed system information about the crash. (To save this detailed information to a text file, click Save and specify a name and location for the file.)

To fix a crashed application:

▪ If the application that crashed was working with data that you need to save, click Fix to let CrashGuard try to fix the problem. You should then return to the application, save the data it was working with, and exit the application.

To close a crashed application:

▪ If the application that crashed was *not* working with data that you need to save, click Close to close the application. Any data that the application was working with will be lost.

Click here {button ,KL('Exceptions',0,'')} for related information.

Exception

A serious error which makes it impossible for a program to continue normally.

Frozen application

A software program that was running and is still on your screen, but does not respond to input from you or Windows.

Getting Technical Support and Information

To obtain the latest updates and patches for NORTON CrashGuard:

- Click LiveUpdate in the Norton CrashGuard shield. See [Updating CrashGuard](#).

Visit the Symantec World Wide Web site at:

<http://www.symantec.com> to obtain:

- Technical Support
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Tips and Tricks

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
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Opening CrashGuard

Installing CrashGuard sets it up to run every time you run Windows, providing you with constant protection from system crashes. CrashGuard is running if you can see the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar. If it is not running, you can open it anytime.

To open CrashGuard:

- Click Start, then Programs, Norton CrashGuard, and Norton CrashGuard.

Click here [{button ,AL\('crashguard',0,''\)} for related information.](#)

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Simulated exception

The CrashGuard Crash Test program simulates this exception and not actually generate it. Generating the exception either is not possible or would be too dangerous.

Testing CrashGuard

You can use CrashGuard to generate 16-bit or 32-bit [exceptions](#). This lets you test the ability of CrashGuard (or any other crash-protection software) to trap that type of crash and recover.

To test CrashGuard:

- 1 Right-click the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar, then select Open. The CrashGuard shield appears.
- 2 Click Settings. The Norton CrashGuard Settings dialog box appears.
- 3 To generate either a 16-bit exception or a 32-bit exception, click the corresponding Test button. The Norton CrashGuard Crash Test dialog box appears.
- 4 Select the type of exception you want to generate.
- 5 Click Generate. To recover, see [Dealing with crashes](#).

Click here {button ,AL('exceptions;crashguard')} for related information.

Uninstalling CrashGuard

To uninstall CrashGuard:

- 1 Click Start, then Settings, and Control Panel.
- 2 Double-click Add/Remove Programs.
- 3 In the list of installed software, double-click Norton CrashGuard. Follow the instructions in the Norton CrashGuard Uninstall wizard.

Note:

- This removes all Norton CrashGuard files from your hard drive. If you want to use CrashGuard again, you will need to reinstall the software from the original disk(s).

Click here {button ,AL('crashguard',0,'')} for related information.

Updating CrashGuard

If you have a modem and/or an Internet connection (direct or dial-up), you can easily get the latest CrashGuard updates and patches using LiveUpdate.


To update CrashGuard:

- 1 Click Start, then Programs, Norton CrashGuard, and CrashGuard.
- 2 Click LiveUpdate.
- 3 Follow the instruction on your screen.

Click here {button ,AL('ConnectSymantec',0,'')} for related information.

Using Anti-Freeze

When an application appears to be frozen:

- 1 Right-click the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar and select Anti-Freeze. (See notes.)
The Anti-Freeze window appears.
- 2 In the list of running applications, select the frozen application. (It will probably include "[Not responding]" in the label. See notes.)
- 3 Click Unfreeze to unfreeze the application so that you can save any unsaved data.
 - If this procedure does not unfreeze the application, see [Closing a frozen application](#).

Note:

- If the CrashGuard icon is not visible in the taskbar, you can launch Anti-Freeze by clicking Start, then Programs, Norton CrashGuard, and Norton CrashGuard. Then click Anti-Freeze.
- If none of the applications in the list include "[Not responding]," your application might not be frozen. You might want to close Anti-Freeze and wait a little longer to see if your application "comes back."


Click here {button ,AL(`anti-freeze',0,'')} for related information.

Viewing CrashGuard statistics

As CrashGuard traps crashes, it keeps track of:

- How many crashes you have had.
- How many freezes you have had.
- Which applications and modules caused them.

To view these CrashGuard statistics:

- 1 Right-click the CrashGuard icon  in the taskbar.
- 2 Select CrashGuard Statistics from the pop-up menu.

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Click here {button ,AL('settings')} for related information.

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What is a frozen application?

A frozen application is a software program that was running and is still on your screen, but does not respond to input from you or Windows. Use Anti-Freeze to unfreeze a frozen application.

Click here [{button ,KL\('frozen applications',1,''\)} for related information.](#)

What is an exception?

The term "exception" refers to a serious error which makes it impossible for a program to continue normally.

"Normal" errors

Many errors, such as trying to open a nonexistent file or save to a full floppy disk, are **not** exceptions because the program can simply tell you that a problem occurred and then continue. Even if a program asks the operating system to do something wrong, the operating system tells the program that the action was not taken, and the program can continue.

Exceptions

An exception, on the other hand, would occur if a program tried to perform undefined instructions. The program could not continue because the operating system would not know where to find the next valid instruction in the program. Exceptions can result from many different malfunctions, but in every case, the computer does not know what to do next.

Handling exceptions

A program can try to handle exceptions for itself using its own exception-handling routine, which essentially tells Windows, "Here are my instructions for dealing with an emergency." Even so, the program can only deal with those exceptions for which it was specifically prepared, and only if it knows how to resolve the problem.

Norton CrashGuard can protect your system against exceptions generated by 16-bit and 32-bit applications.

Click here {button ,KL('Exceptions',0,'')} for related information.

Displays the 16-bit Crash Test dialog box from which you can generate 16-bit exceptions. This lets you test the ability of CrashGuard to trap and fix the resulting crash.

Displays the 32-bit Crash Test dialog box from which you can generate 32-bit exceptions. This lets you test the ability of CrashGuard to trap and fix the resulting crash.

Closes the dialog box without generating an exception.

Detailed CrashGuard statistics

This dialog box displays:

- how many crashes you have had
- how many freezes you have had
- which applications and modules caused the errors

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Displays detailed information about the crashes CrashGuard has trapped and the frozen applications it has unfrozen.

Displays the number of intercepted crashes and unfrozen applications.

Lets CrashGuard trap and fix crashes caused by 16-bit applications.

If you do not use any 16-bit applications (for example, older programs written for Window 3.x), you can leave this unchecked.

Enhances the Close Program dialog box (which appears when you press Ctrl+Alt+Del) to include an Anti-Freeze button. This lets you apply Anti-Freeze to a frozen program even if the entire system stops responding. This option does not apply to Windows NT users.

Lets CrashGuard trap and fix crashes caused by 32-bit applications.

Generates (or simulates) an exception of the type selected in the list above.

