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Check to have Norton AntiVirus Quarantine prompt you to initiate a scan when, at startup, Quarantine detects newly updated virus definitions.						

Check to enable forwarding of quarantined files to a selected Quarantine server.

Type in or browse to select a Quarantine server where quarantined files are forwarded.

Check to enable password protection of Quarantine options.

Click to display the set password dialog box where you can enter or change a password.

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Type your existing password in the Old Password text box.

Set/Change Password

Before setting or changing your password, make sure you've selected the items you want protected.

Passwords can be from 1 to 16 characters in length and are not case-sensitive (a is the same as A).

Old Password: If this is the first time you've created a password, this text box is dimmed. If you're changing a password, enter the old one here.

New Password: Enter the new password in the text box. As you enter the new password, Norton AntiVirus replaces the characters in your password with asterisks (*) on the screen for security.

Confirm New Password: Enter the new password again in the text box.

Check to have the option to repair items. The Repair icon will be available in the Quarantine console.

Check to have the option to delete items. The Delete icon will be available in the Quarantine console.

Check to have the option to restore items. The Restore icon will be available in the Quarantine console.

Check to have the option to submit items. The Submit icon will be available in the Quarantine console.

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Quarantine options Quarantine items

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Quarantine options Submitted files

Files sent to SARC for analysis are isolated. After receiving the results of the analysis, you can determine what to do with the item. From this dialog box, you can specify which actions will be available for items submitted to SARC.

Quarantine options General

From this dialog box, you can set options to have Norton AntiVirus run a scan if Quarantine detects a newly updated virus definitions file at startup, to have Quarantine files automatically forwarded to a Quarantine server, and to password protect Quarantine files.

Check to export all items.

Check to export the current view only.

Check to export files in standard format.

Check to export files in a comma delimited format.

Export files

Export allows you to save a list of current Quarantine contents with summary information to a file. From this dialog box you can select which files to export summary information about and select the format in which it will be exported.

Check to ensure a file is removed from its original location once it is selected for quarantine.