DISABLE YOUR TOUCHPAD WHILE TYPING

When you are typing a text on your laptop and your thumb accidentally brushes the touchpad, this contributes to an unwanted change in the position of the cursor in your document and you need to start typing again.

Some touchpads can be turned off by opening the mouse in the control panel and disabling the function.

Most laptops recognize the keyboard shortcut of either Fn + F6 or Fn + F8 to temporarily disable the touchpad. Unfortunately, this approach is not permanent and must be done after each reboot.

To find out how you can turn off the touchpad on your laptop, go to the manufacturer's Website and type *disable the touchpad* in the search or find box.

Some laptops don't have dedicated buttons but you can use Function keys (like Fn + F5 on Dell computers) to toggle the state of your touch pad.   In the case of HP laptops, you can hold the top-left corner of the touchpad for few seconds and it will disable the touch pad – repeat this to re-activate it.

New laptop computers either have a physical on/off button to easily disable the touch pad or there's an icon in the system tray that lets you manage the various settings of the touchpad. If you don't have that icon, you can go to Control Panel – > Mouse Properties – > Touch Pad   to enable or disable the touchpad.

The touch pad can also be disabled through the device manager. Type **devmgmt.msc** in the Start screen search box to start the device manager, expand "Mice and other Pointing devices", right-click and disable the driver entry that says *Touch pad* or something similar.

If none of the above solutions work for your brand of laptop, try TouchPad Pal – it's a free Windows utility that will temporarily disable the touchpad of your laptop as you go into typing mode. The utility runs in the system tray and requires no configuration.