

Sometimes, securing your WordPress site can be as simple as installing a plug-in, but after it's installed, then you're left scratching your head as to what needs to be done with the settings on that plug-in. Some of the security plug-ins can be a total headache if you check the wrong box or click on the wrong button, your site can easily go up and smoke. So this video will show you how to configure the plug-in named Better WP Security and we're going to do this in less than 5 minutes.

So first, let's go ahead and install, then activate the plug-in so we do that by logging in to our dashboard area which I've already done and if you have done that, then just go to your URL/wp-admin or wp-login.php. And if you've not logged-in in a while, then it will prompt you to do so by popping up a little box here asking for your username and password. Then once you've entered that, then you are going to end up on this page here. Then you want to come on over to plug-ins. Go to add new, then we just type in the search box here Better, WP Security. Click on search plug-ins and that will take us to the WordPress.org plug-in repository where in most cases, it will be the first one that shows up here. Click on install now. Are you sure, yes. Then click on activate plug-in. At this point, we can either click on settings here or security here. In either case, we'll end up in the same spot. But before we do that, I want to bring in our little timer here so that we can do everything under the 5 minute mark. So let's go on and click on the timer.

Go to security. Now at this point, since you've already done a full back up, hint, about your files and your database, and you can go ahead and skip this. But if you do click on this, then you're going to get the e-mail sent to this e-mail address here that contains your database backup. Let's go ahead and click on "no thanks, I already have a backup." That will bring us to this page here where you can allow this plug-in to change WordPress core files. I would say yes. And then at this point, secure my site from basic attacks. This would be the easiest and best way and what I would recommend you to do but before you do that, let me just go to "no thanks" and show you what it looks like first off. Now, we've got these different colors here. Red, blue, orange and green. We really want to shoot for green across the board but that's not always going to happen and actually rarely will it happen. You'll get most of them to be green but you definitely want to get rid of the red and you want to try to get these guys here to go to blue or green. There's a little color code down here to tell you what each one is.

So right off the bat, if we go back and click on "secure my site" basically let them plug-in do its job. You'll see right away that a lot of those reds have already been changed. Now then, you can go and click on the individual links here to change those reds into green or the least ways closer to green, being orange or blue. Now, the orange ones here, if we come on down here, they're partially secured and turned on more options to fully secure these areas. There's a good chance that most all of these oranges can be turned into green. The thing I want to point out though is that the blue items, they're not fully secured but might conflict with other themes, plug-ins or other things you got going on on your site, so that's where the database backups going to come in handy. If for some reason you're going to be bold and shot for green across the board, more power to you, but know this, that if you do break something, you got an easy fix. Let me show you that real quick here.

You want to log in to your c-panel control panel, come on down to the phpMyAdmin, and you want to make sure you're getting into the proper database and at this point, you want to check all, and go over

here to “with selected” click on drop. That’s going to delete all of these guys. Once you do that, then you come on up here to import, navigate to the location of that database, not the entire file zip but the database that you downloaded earlier. And then upload that, click on go, and then now we’ll replace all of these tables here. One of which will be screwed up because of what you did on the plug-in stuff here. Then, you just refresh this page and you’ll be back to where you were prior to clicking on that link that made things go wonky on you. So that’s how you can fix what would have broken had you been bold and gone for green across the board.

But at the very least, you want to get rid of all the reds. For example if we go here, let’s say admin user. Put in the different username here, click on change admin user, and done. Click on user or change user ID. You don’t want to have the one ID in there. Now if we come on back to the dashboard, ohh, okay, that might still exist but we did get rid of that one. Let’s get over this one here because to do that, it would require us to log back in. Now, we come on back to the dashboard. You see that one is not green. And that’s basically what you want to do. just go on down here and at least ways, get rid of all the reds and you want to shoot for getting rid of the oranges, but if you only have blue and green left, then you’re in good shape.

The other thing I want to point out is down here under system tweaks which will get rid of a lot f the oranges and the blues, and these yellow ones here. You want be worry of because they can mess things up. So I would go one at a time. Click on 1, save changes. Check your site if it still works, you’re in good shape. And again if you break something, just come on in to your phpMyAdmin from your control panel, replace your broken database with your backed-up database and you’ll be in good shape. And we did all that under 5 minutes.