

Suggested iThemes Security Pro Settings

These are first time settings that I use after activating this plugin.

- Select Security and click on Settings. It will prompt you to run a Security Check, go ahead and click on "Secure Site."
- Enter your email address and activate Network Brute Force Protection. Close the window when the process is finished.
- Open the Global Settings and check "Hide security menu in admin bar." Click "Save Settings."
- Open the Notification Center, uncheck "Add Administrator users" and check your user. Uncheck Automatic Updates Info; Uncheck Inactive Users; Uncheck Site Lockouts; Click "Save Settings."
- Open the Banned Users settings and check "Enable HackRepair.com..." Click "Save Settings."
- Disable Database Backups (we use BackupBuddy for this). Click "Save Settings."
- Open the Local Brute Force Protection and check "Automatically ban admin user." Click "Save Settings."
- Open Password Requirements and check Strong Passwords and Refuse Compromised Passwords. Click "Save Settings."
- Enable System Tweaks. Open System Tweaks and check all the boxes. Note that sometimes with other plugins some of these may block them from functioning.
- Open WordPress Tweaks and check Windows Live Writer Header, Edit URI Header, Comment Spam, File Editor. Disable XML-RPC. Check the following: Force Unique Nickname, Disable Extra User Archives, Protect Against Tabnapping. Click "Save Settings."
- Click on the Advanced link at the top of the iThemes Security page. Open the Hide Backend settings and check Hide Backend. Click "Save Settings."

Website security includes additional personal responsibilities.

- Keep your computer and any device that will access the admin side of the website updated with the latest patches for the operating system, browser, and security software.
- Make sure the website username and password is not used anywhere else. A password manager is helpful. I use and suggest LastPass.
- Got to haveibeenpwned.com to check that your email addresses and passwords have not been compromised.