

# System Best Practices

## **1. MAINTAIN REAL-TIME ANTI-VIRUS and MALWARE PROTECTION**

**Microsoft Security Essentials** (free from Microsoft) now works with Windows XP Embedded, POS Ready, Windows 7 and is preinstalled on Windows 8 computers.

## **2. AUTOMATICALLY INSTALL WINDOWS UPDATES**

Be sure your computer automatically installs Windows updates as they are available to reduce the possibility that your system can be compromised.

## **3. REBOOT REGIMEN**

Restarting a computer flushes its RAM and gives you a clean start. To improve performance, particularly on older systems with less available physical RAM, reboot once daily and even a second time before a major selling period begins.

## **4. LIMITED WINDOWS USER ACCOUNTS**

With Sensible Cinema Box Office for Windows Terminal 3.0 and later you can set a Windows account to "limited user" thus limiting the ability to make system changes, install software, etc. You must first create an administrator user (password protected) to be able to make system changes and install software updates.

## **5. REMOVE THE KEYBOARD**

With no keyboard attached, your employee cannot switch away or CTRL+ALT+DEL away from the sales terminal... and with permissions set accordingly inside Sensible he cannot exit the terminal software back to the Windows desktop. This prevents access to the Internet and to install software without your permission.