How do I prevent folders like My Pictures from being recreated?

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Another converse of _How do I programmatically create folders like My Pictures if they were manually deleted?_ and _Why do folders like "My Pictures" come back after I delete them?_ is _How do I prevent folders like My Pictures from being recreated?_ Starting in Windows 7, there is a group policy called _Disable Known Folders_ which lets you specify a list of known folders which should be disabled. If somebody tries to create a known folder programmatically, the call will fail with `ERROR_ACCESS_DISABLED_BY_POLICY`.

Note that this policy only blocks creation of the folder. If the folder already exists, then the policy has no effect. (You're locking the door after the horse has bolted.)

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