

NRPE - Warning: This Plugin Must Be Either Run As Root Or Setuid

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Problem Description

This KB article addresses the following NRPE error:

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Warning: This Plugin Must Be Either Run As Root Or Setuid
```

Assumed Knowledge

The following KB article contains an explanation of how NRPE works and may need to be referenced to completely understand the problem and solution that is provided here:

[NRPE - Agent and Plugin Explained](#)

Troubleshooting The Error

This error is usually plugin specific and is most commonly experienced when trying to use a third-party hardware check plugin (most often disk smart checks and raid health plugins). You need to setup the sudoers file and associated config changes mentioned in the following KB article:

[NRPE - NRPE: Unable To Read Output](#)

Alternatively, you could set the sticky bit on the plugin's permissions. Sudoers is considered safer, so only use this option if you understand the consequences:

```
chmod u+s /usr/local/nagios/libexec/<plugin>
```

Final Thoughts

For any support related questions please visit the [Nagios Support Forums](#) at:

<http://support.nagios.com/forum/>

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