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jQuery event.preventDefault() Method

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Example

Prevent a link from opening the URL:

```
$("#a").click(function(event){  
    event.preventDefault();  
});
```

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Definition and Usage



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For example:

- Prevent a submit button from submitting a form
- Prevent a link from following the URL

Tip: Use the [`event.isDefaultPrevented\(\)`](#) method to check whether the `preventDefault()` method was called for the event.

Syntax

```
event.preventDefault()
```

Parameter	Description
<i>event</i>	Required. The <i>event</i> parameter comes from the event binding function

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