

HOME DEPOT INC  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 20, 2005

**THE HOME DEPOT, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	1-8207	95-3261426
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2455 Paces Ferry Road, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30339

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(770) 433-8211

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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On January 20, 2005, the Board of Directors of The Home Depot, Inc. (the Company ) adopted a policy regarding stockholder rights plans. Such policy is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines will accordingly be revised to reflect adoption of this policy.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Policy Statement on Stockholder Rights Plans

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE HOME DEPOT, INC.

By: /s/ Frank L. Fernandez  
Name: Frank L. Fernandez  
Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

Date: January 21, 2005

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