“The Free Tag Groups Plugin Cannot be Active Together with Tag Groups Pro.”

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This message appears when you try to activate the free Tag Groups plugin and the Tag Groups Pro plugin at the same time. Since the free plugin is already included in the Pro plugin, it will be automatically deactivated.

This is just an informational message and there is nothing you need to do.

So is it safe to remove the free plugin?

If you want to remove the free plugin entirely, you can do so without affecting the functionality of the Pro plugin. Just make sure that you didn't choose to delete your tag groups data in the *Reset* tab of the "Tools" settings. By default, you won't delete this data.