

Enable your Windows Defender Firewall

If you've used Windows for a while now, you're familiar with the Windows Defender Security Center. It's a good first step toward monitoring the overall health of your computer, but it's not going to be enough. One other layer of security is already built into Windows 10, and you should take advantage of it by enabling firewall and antivirus protection. Here's how:

1. Type **Windows Defender Firewall** at the Search box/icon, then click on the topic that appears at the top of the search column.
2. Click the button that says **Turn on Windows Defender Firewall** under both the public network and private network settings.
3. Tick the box that says **Notify me when Windows Defender Firewall blocks a new app**.