

HOW TO ENABLE WINDOWS DEFENDER'S LIMITED PERIODIC SCANNING

(for systems that have a third-party antivirus program installed)

This option is named “limited periodic scanning”. Enable it and Windows Defender will occasionally perform a scan to check for any malware that your **primary antivirus product missed**. However, it’s not enabled by default.

You can only enable this feature if you’re using another antivirus program. If you haven’t installed another antivirus program, Windows Defender is already enabled by default and is helping protect your computer with both real-time and scheduled system scans.

To access it:

1. Go to **Settings** (Windows key + I).
2. Click on **Update & Security**, then **Windows Security**.
3. From there, enable the “*Open Windows Defender Security Center*” feature.
4. Click on **Virus & threat protection**.
5. Move down and click the up arrow for **Windows Defender anti-virus options**.
6. Confirm that Periodic scanning is **On**.

Under any circumstances, Windows Defender will automatically be updated with the latest antivirus applications through Windows Update.