

# How to Use Controlled Folder Access in Windows Defender

Controlled folder access in Windows Defender Security Center reviews the apps that can make changes to files in protected folders. Occasionally, an app that is safe to use will be identified as harmful. This happens because Microsoft wants to keep you safe and will sometimes err on the side of caution; however, this might interfere with how you normally use your computer. You can add an app to the list of safe or allowed apps to prevent them from being blocked.

1. Select **Settings** (Windows + I).
2. Choose **Update & security > Windows Security**.
3. Select **Open Windows Defender Security Center**.
4. Select **Virus & threat protection**, and then choose **Virus & threat protection settings**.
5. Under **Controlled folder access**, turn it on or off.
6. Finally, **add or remove exclusions**.