# Windows 11 Settings

# Settings You Should Always Keep Enabled

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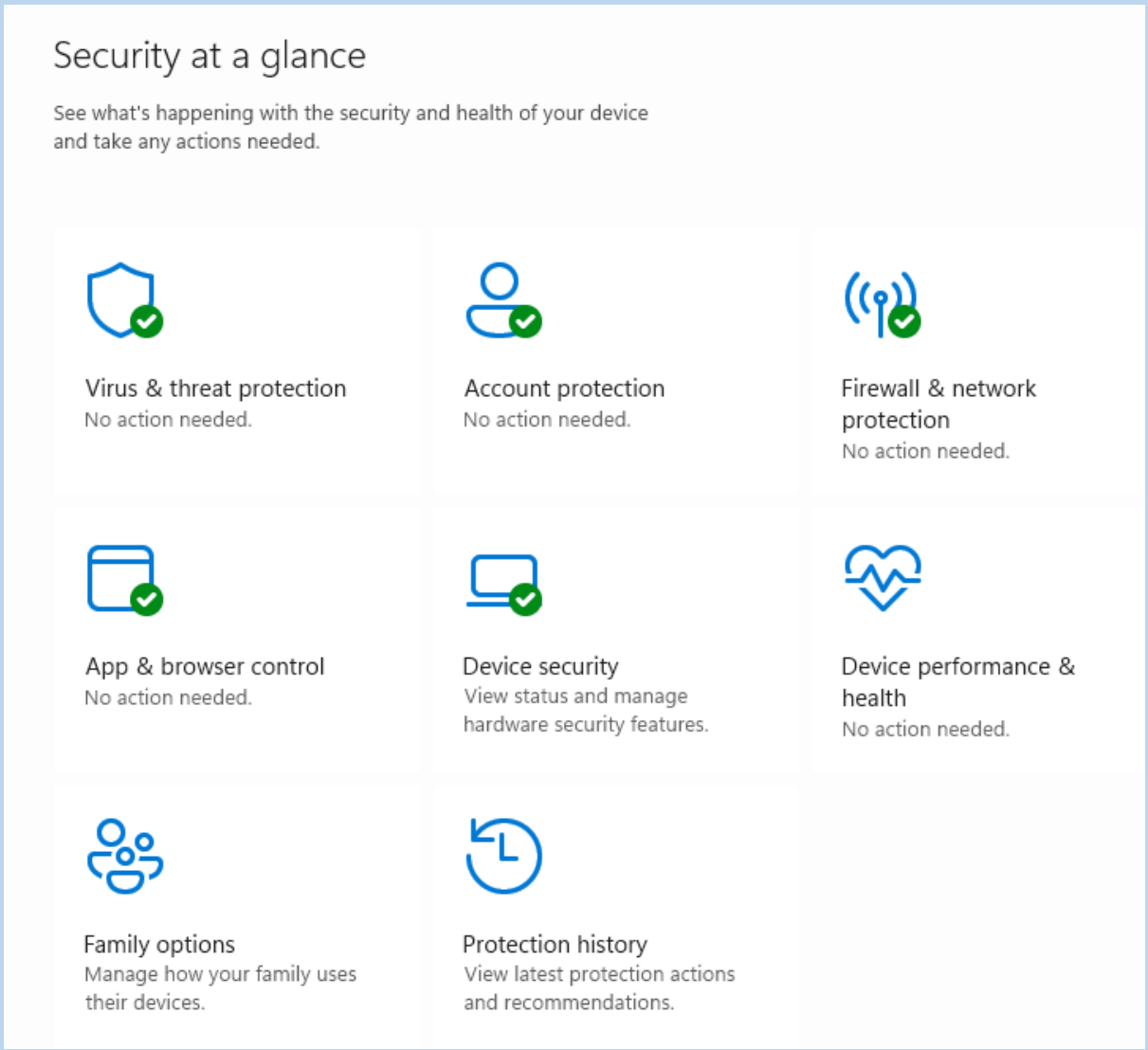
# Settings You Should Disable

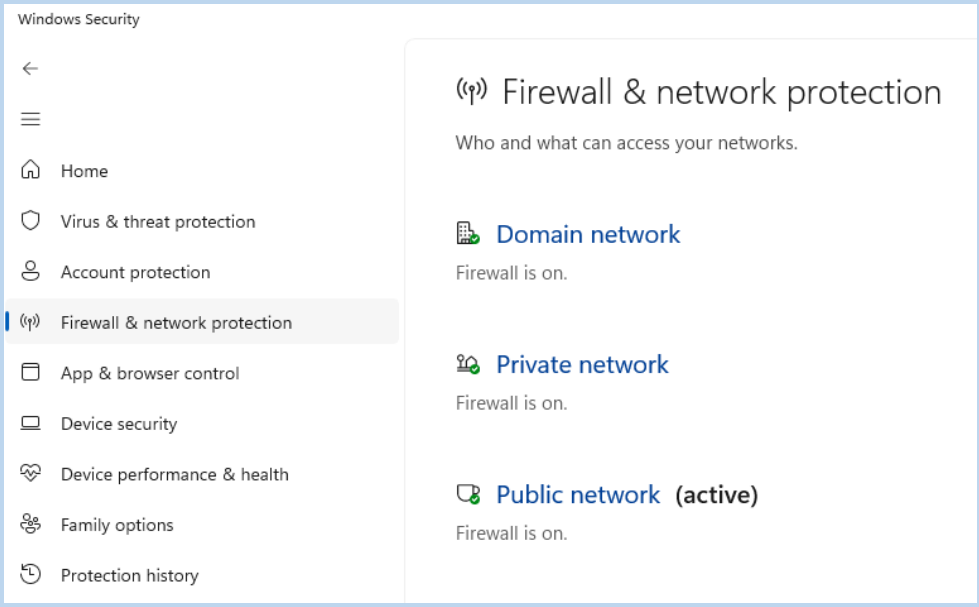
## ENABLED:

**Windows Update** - Enabled by default and very difficult to disable. Important to keep your Operating System up-to-date.  Keeps the Hackers out.

**Windows 10 & 11 - Windows Security** – Enabled - No need for Third Party Anti-Virus. Five Green Tic-Marks – Indicates No Errors.

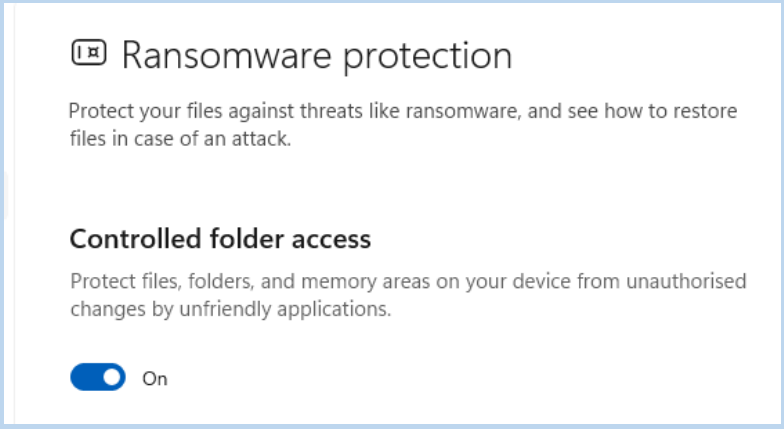


**Firewall & Network Protection** – Enabled by default.




**Ransomware Protection** (Controlled Folder Access)

When installing some programs you may have to temporarily turn this off. Remember to turn it back on.




Settings can be found in Windows Security: Virus & Threat Protection > Virus & Threat Protection Settings > Manage Settings > Controlled Folder Access > Manage Controlled Folder Access

There are provision to allow a program to run (White List)

# Reputation-based protection

These settings protect your device from malicious or potentially unwanted apps, files, and websites.

## Check apps and files

Microsoft Defender SmartScreen helps protect your device by checking for unrecognised apps and files from the web.

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## SmartScreen for Microsoft Edge

Microsoft Defender SmartScreen helps protect your device from malicious sites and downloads.

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## Phishing protection

When you sign into Windows using a password, help protect your password from malicious apps and sites.

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- [x] Warn me about malicious apps and sites
- [x] Warn me about password reuse
- [x] Warn me about unsafe password storage
- [x] Automatically collect website or app content when additional analysis is needed to help identify security threats

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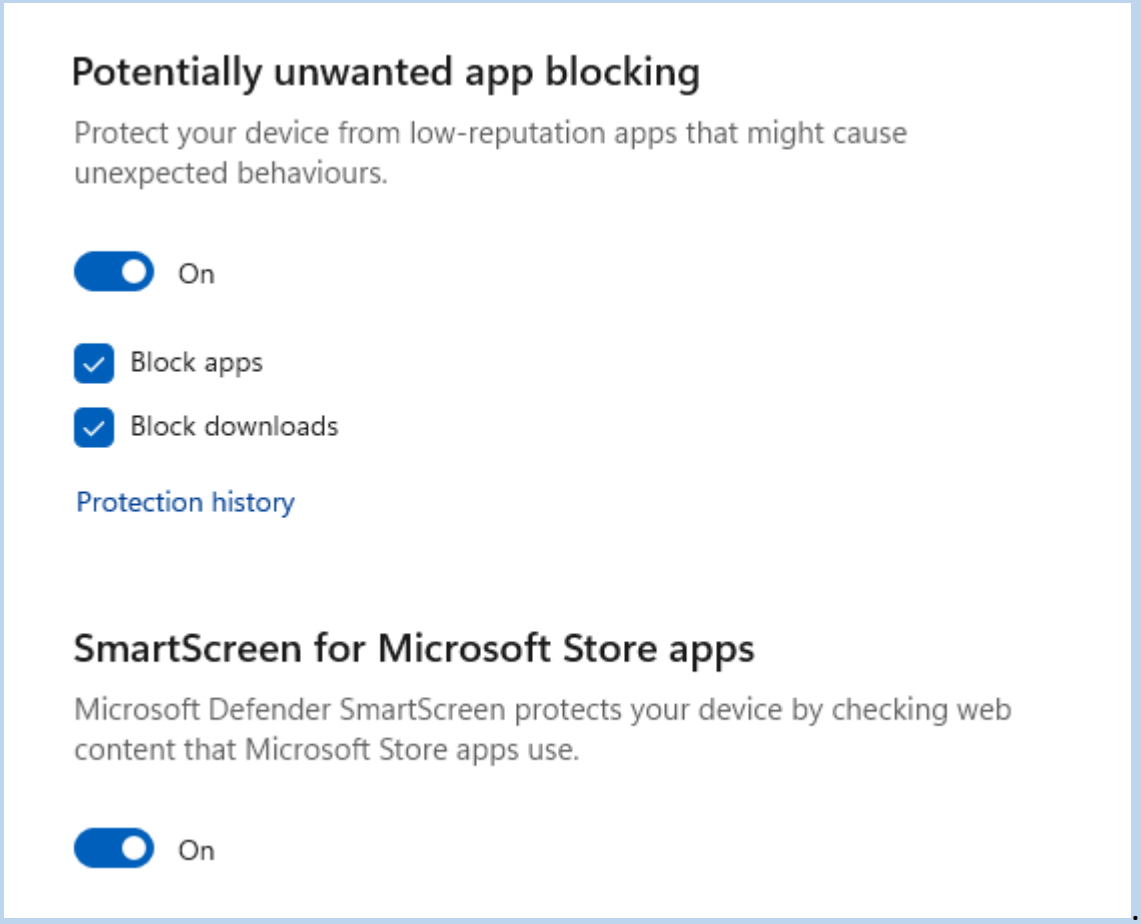


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Keep Reputation-Based Protection Features Active. Settings can be found in Windows Security App & Browser Control > Reputation-based protection settings

# Settings you should DISABLE

# Windows 10

1. **Notifications –**

**<u>Windows 10</u>** – Settings > System > Notifications & Actions

**Turn Off** – Get Notifications from apps and other senders.

**UN-Tic –** 3 items > Show Me…… / Suggest Ways ….. / Get Tips…

2. **Privacy & Security –**

**<u>Windows 10 –</u>** Settings > Privacy >

**General > Turn Off –** All five settings –

**Speech > Turn Off**

**Inking & Typing Personalisation > Turn Off**

**Diagnostics & Feedback**

**Tic – Required Diagnostic Data**

**Turn Off – Tailored Experiences, View Diagnostic Data**

**Under "Delete Diagnostic Data" click on Delete**

**Under Feedback Frequency select Never**

**Activity History**

**Un-Tic > Store my Activity History…..**

**Activity History under "Show Activities from these accounts"**

**Turn off any that are listed.**

**Under "Clear Activity History" click on Clear**

**Still under Settings > Privacy – in the section App Permissions**

**Review these setting and turn on the ones you will be using.**

3. **Personalisation – START >**
   **Turn off all these items EXCEPT "Show App list in Start Menu"**

# Windows 11

## Settings > System > Notifications

### Turn Off : Notifications

Once **Notifications** is turned **Off**, settings like **"Do Not Disturb"**, **"Set priority notifications"**, or per-app toggles become irrelevant because **no notifications will be shown at all**.

## Settings > System > Privacy & Security

- Find My Device > OFF
- Recommendations & Offers > All Off – 6 items.
- Speech > OFF
- Inking > OFF
- Diagnostics & Feedback > OFF / Feedback Frequency: NEVER
- Activity History > OFF
- Search Permissions > Moderate
- Searching Windows > OFF / Find My Flies set to Classic
- Under Location > Locations Services > OFF

## Settings > System > Personalisation:

- Start > All six items OFF

**Settings > System > Apps**

**Startup >**

These apps start when you start the computer and log in. They run minimized and in the background.

**TURN OFF** the ones you don't want to start. They will still run when you open them from the desktop.

The only one that needs to start is Windows Security

**Services to Disable:**

**On the task bar in search type Services and click on services in the pop up.**

**Find these services, right click on them > properties.**

**Stop the service if it is running then change the start-up type to Disabled. If the service is in Manual it will not be running until you start the program.**

- **Connected User Experiences and Telemetry**
- **SYSMAIN**
- **Windows Insider Service**
- **Remote Registry**
- **Routing and Remote Access**
- **Windows Search**
- **Windows Error Reporting Service**