How to install Microsoft Defender on your home laptop.

Windows 10

If you are running windows 10 then good news there is nothing that you need to do to install Defender.

Check Defender is up to date

To make sure Defender is up to date navigate to the system tray near the bottom right of the screen.

You may need to press the arrow pointing upwards to get the full list of items.

The shield icon is defender.

Right click on this and select **Check for protection updates** to update Defender.

If you have installed another anti-virus, Defender will be disabled and should remain disabled if your chosen anti-virus is enabled and up to date.

If you are unsure if your anti-virus is up to date it should show in the system tray near the bottom right of the screen.

You may need to click on the arrow to show the anti-virus icon.

Right click on the icon and update it. (Some other steps may be required depending on your anti-virus).

Windows 7

Depending on your version of Windows 7 Windows Defender may already be installed on your device.

To check Defender is running navigate to the start button located bottom left of your screen.

 Then press **Control Panel.**

This will open a new window. This may disable in one of two ways.

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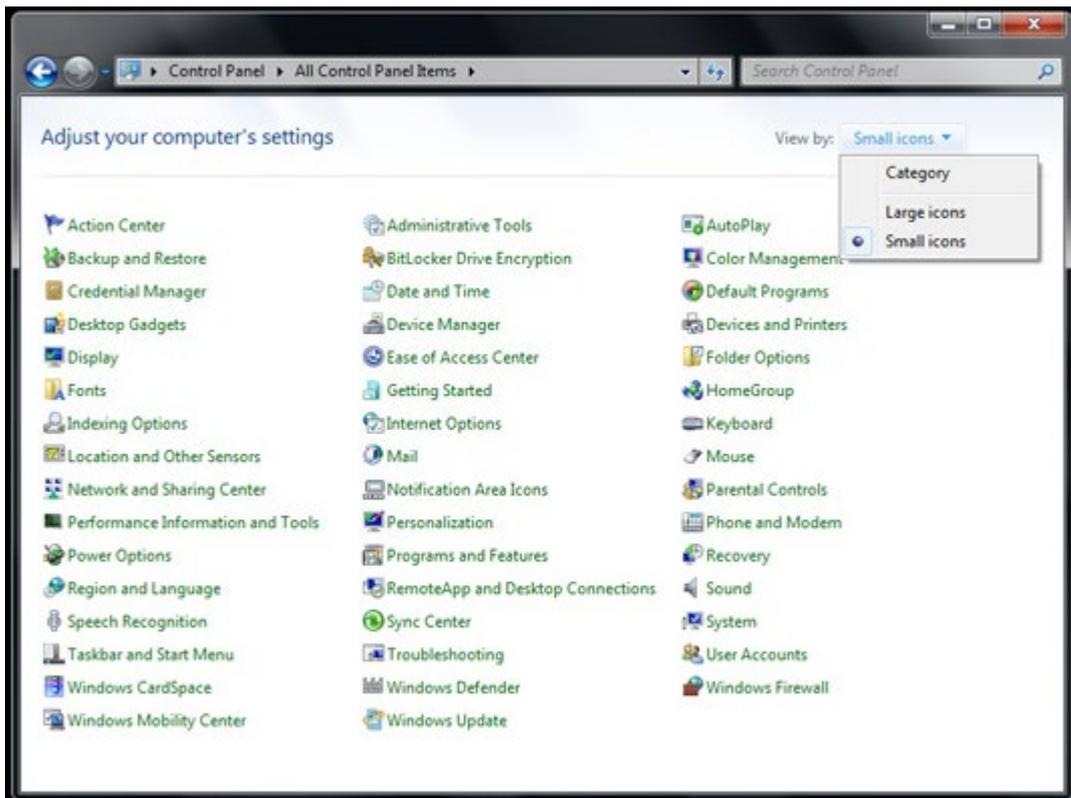
Search **Windows Defender** then click the icon

If Defender is disabled, you will receive a prompt stating so.
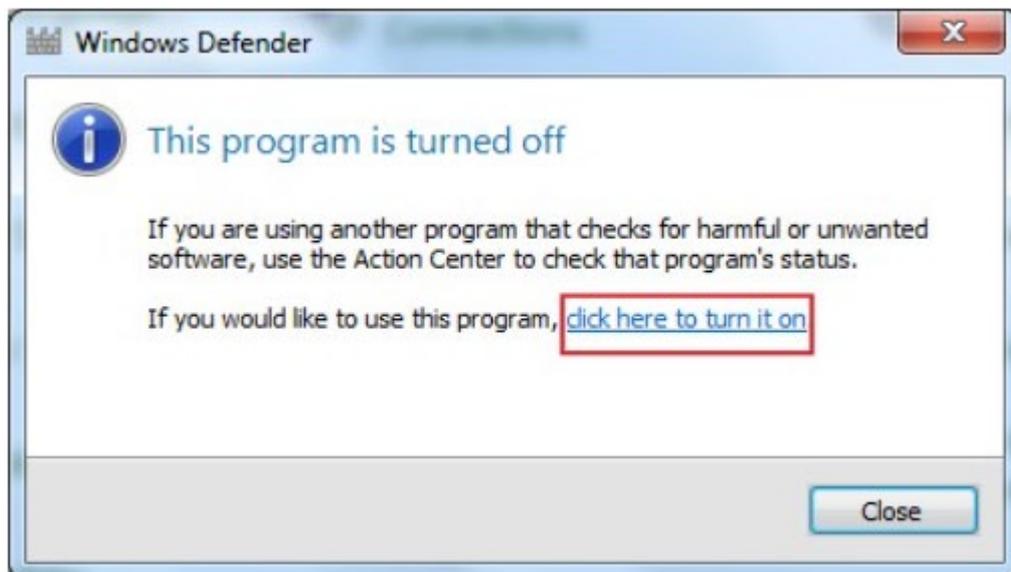
Select **click here to turn it on** to enable Defender.

Check Defender is up to date

To check Defender is up to date follow the same instructions as above however when you click the Defender icon the program will open.
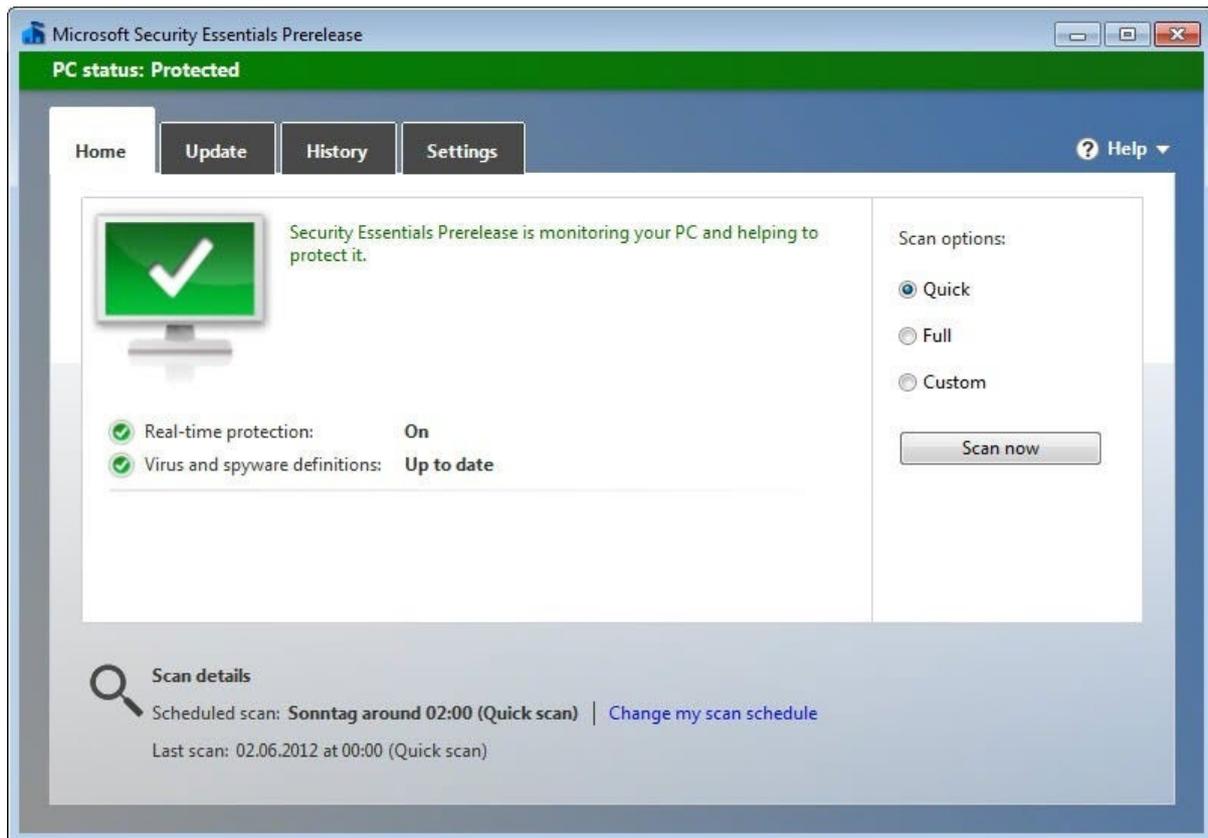
Press the **Update** tab.

Then check for updates.