# 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 antivirus).

## 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.



Or

Control Panel + All Co	ntrol Panel Items 🕨	• Search Contr	oi Panel
Adjust your computer's settings		View by:	Small icons 💌
Action Center Backup and Restore	CAdministrative Tools	AutoPlay	Category Large icons Small icons
Credential Manager Desktop Gadgets	ピ Date and Time 📾 Device Manager	C Default Programs	s
🚍 Display	Ease of Access Center	🌃 Folder Options	
Andexing Options Location and Other Sensors	Internet Options	■Keyboard ⑦ Mouse	
<ul> <li>Network and Sharing Center</li> <li>Performance Information and Tools</li> </ul>	Solution Area Icons	🚓 Parental Controls ) 🔤 Phone and Modem	
Power Options Region and Language	Programs and Features     RemoteApp and Desktop Connections	Recovery	
Speech Recognition Taskbar and Start Menu	Sync Center	1♥ System 왕 User Accounts	
Windows CardSpace	IIII Windows Defender	Windows Firewall	

#### Search Windows Defender then click the icon

Windows Defender

If Defender is disabled, you will receive a prompt stating so.

Wine Wine	dows Defender
i	This program is turned off
	If you are using another program that checks for harmful or unwanted software, use the Action Center to check that program's status. If you would like to use this program, <u>click here to turn it on</u>
	Close

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.

Home Update	History Settings	😮 Help
	Security Essentials Prerelease is monitoring your PC and helping to protect it.	Scan options: Quick  Full  Custom
<ul> <li>Real-time pro</li> <li>Virus and spy</li> </ul>	tection: On ware definitions: Up to date	Scan now
<b>Scan details</b> Scheduled so	can: Sonntag around 02:00 (Quick scan)   Change my scan schedule	

Press the Update tab.

Then check for updates.