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## Microsoft Defender Antivirus

1. Open Windows Security:

* Press **Win** + **I** to open **Settings**.
* Go to **Privacy & Security** > **Windows Security**.
* Click on **Virus & threat protection**.

1. In the **Virus & threat protection** settings, make sure **Real-time Protection** is turned on.
2. In the same section, ensure **Cloud-Delivered Protection** is turned on for better and faster protection against new threats.

## Microsoft Defender SmartScreen

1. Open Windows Security:

* Again, navigate to **Settings** > **Privacy & Security** > **Windows Security**.
* Click on **App & browser control**.

1. Under the **Reputation-based Protection** section, make sure all the SmartScreen options are turned on:

* Check apps and files
* SmartScreen for Microsoft Edge
* SmartScreen for Microsoft Store apps.

## Windows Firewall

1. Open Windows Security. Go to **Settings** > **Privacy & Security** > **Windows Security**.
2. Click on **Firewall & network protection**.
3. Ensure Microsoft Defender Firewall is on.
   1. Click on each network profile (Domain network, Private network and Public network) and check.
   2. Click on each network type and check.

## Verify all settings

1. Open Windows Security and click on **Home** to check the status summary. It should show green check marks indicating that all security features are enabled and functioning.

Sometimes, changes might require a restart to take full effect. Restart your computer to ensure all settings are applied correctly.

By following these steps, you can ensure that Microsoft Defender Antivirus, SmartScreen and Windows Firewall are all turned on and providing maximum protection for your system by default.