

Microsoft has a new feature to protect your PC from malware

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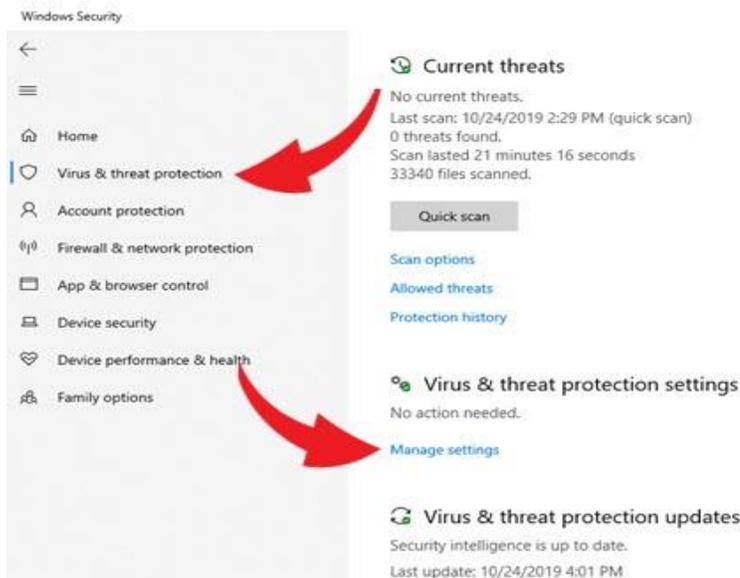
As a Windows user, you may have heard of Windows Defender, which was released back in 2009. If not, it's a built-in, free, simplistic real-time security solution for your desktop. Windows Defender protects against malware, including viruses, while using few system resources; this allows you to continue other tasks while it scans your computer for rogue threats. To further protect your desktop and bolster the security of its operating system, Microsoft recently released Tamper Protection (May 2019 update), a free feature in Windows Defender for both business and personal versions of Windows 10.

What is Tamper Protection?

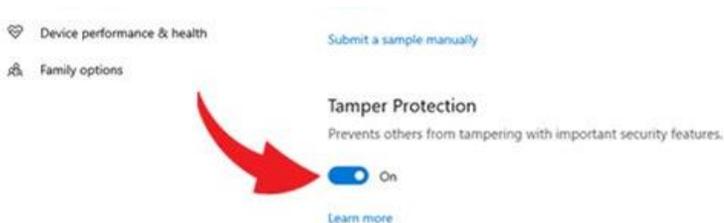
PC makers are starting to take steps to improve user protection. In turn, Windows is offering Tamper Protection, which prevents third-party programs from disabling virus, threat, cloud-delivered and real-time protections, shutting down behavior monitoring and deleting security updates on your computer.

Although it's not simple to render these protection systems inoperative, Microsoft eliminates the opportunity with Tamper Protection. Once enabled, the feature blocks any changes made to your Windows security settings by other programs. The only permissible method for changing these settings would be through the Windows interface under your administrator account.

How to use Tamper Protection



Scroll down and enable **Tamper Protection** if not turned on.



By default, Tamper Protection is enabled; however, to ensure your system is guarded against threats such as phishing and malware, follow these few steps:

Click the **Start** button on your desktop, then Settings, then Update & Security then Windows Security.

Select Virus & threat protection, then Manage settings under the Virus & threat protection settings.

In addition to safeguarding your system against malicious apps from changing critical Windows Defender Antivirus settings, Tamper Protection does not affect how third-party antivirus programs work or how they register with Windows Security.

What does this mean for you? Even if your chosen anti-virus software is not Windows Defender, Microsoft still has your back, thanks to Tamper Protection. Remember, all the protection in the world is useless if you don't know how to stay out of trouble.