

# How to Backup and Restore Microsoft Defender Windows 11

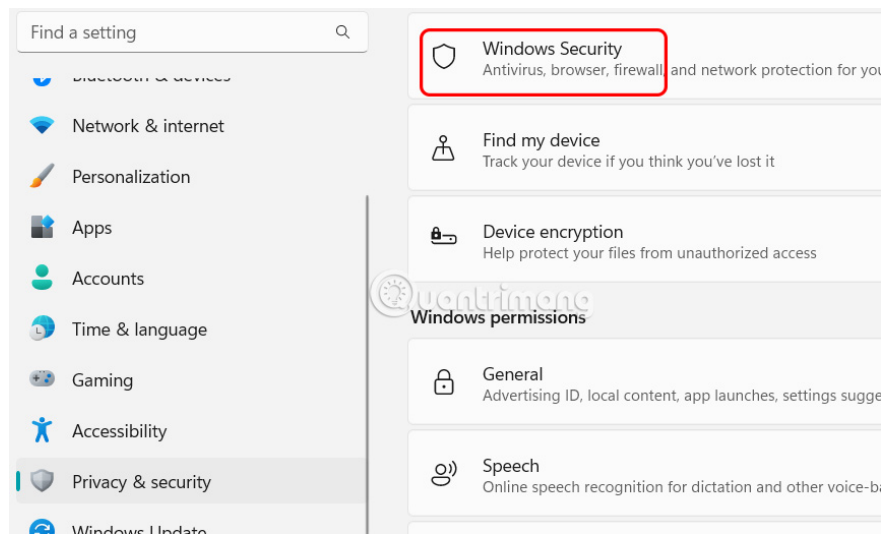
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Microsoft Defender Windows helps protect your device by blocking unauthorized access and other risks. You can back up and restore Microsoft Defender settings on a new computer or troubleshoot any issues you have with the app. Here's how to back up and restore Microsoft Defender Windows 11.

## Microsoft Defender Backup and Restore via Advanced Security

### Step 1:

Open Settings on your computer, then click on **Privacy & security** on the left, then click on **Windows Security** on the right.



### Step 2:


Continue to click **Open Windows Security** to open.

## Privacy & security > Windows Security

Windows Security is your home to view and manage the security and health of your device.

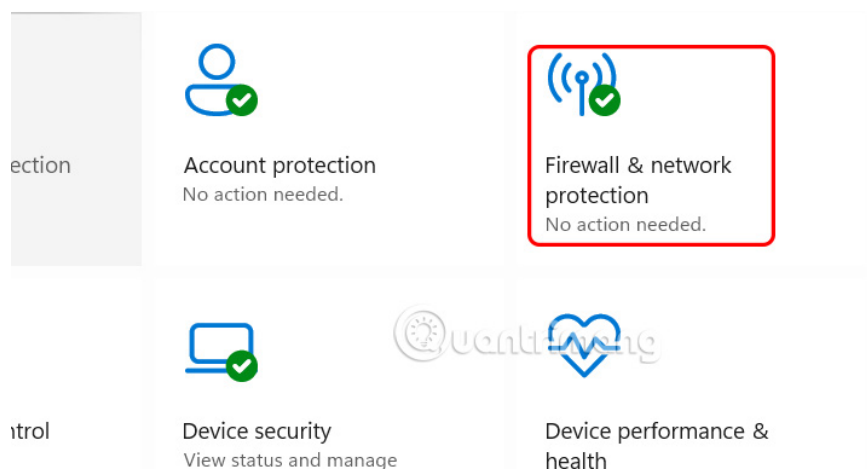
[Open Windows Security](#)

### Protection areas

 Virus & threat protection  
No actions needed.

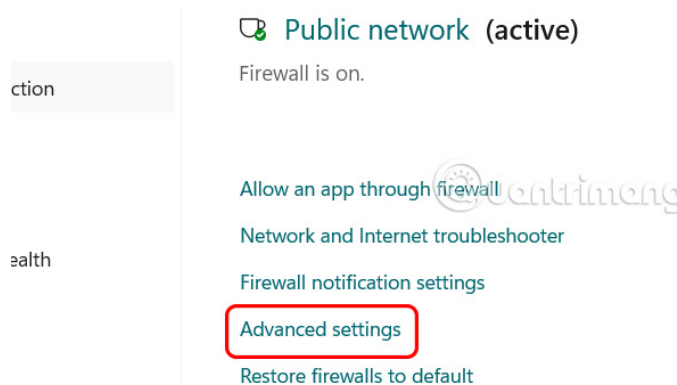
 Account protection

In the Windows Security application interface, select **Firewall & network protection**.

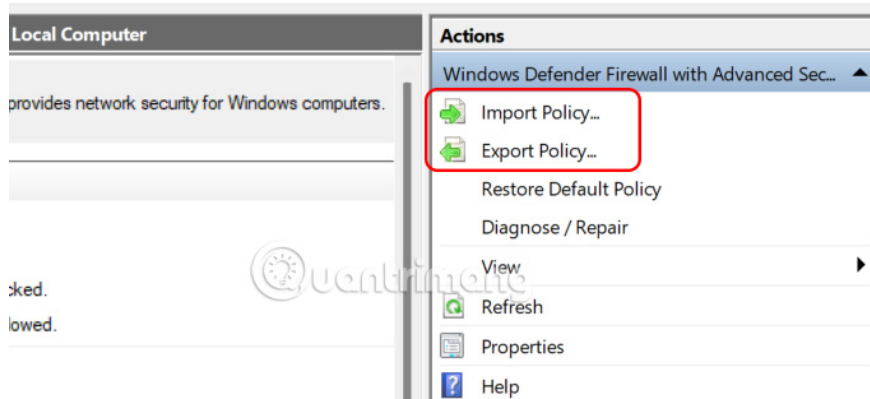


### Step 3:

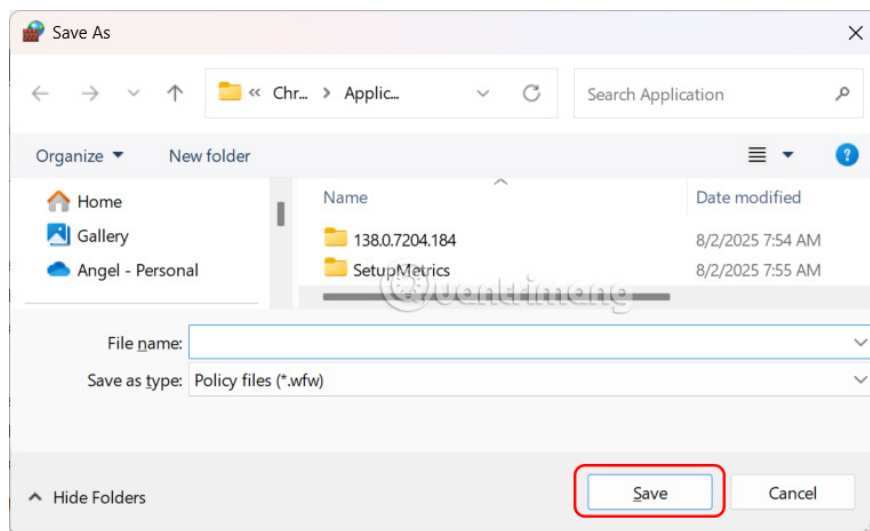
In the next interface, we **select Advanced settings** to open advanced settings for Microsoft Defender.



In this interface, if you want to **export or backup Microsoft Defender settings**, just click **Export Policy**. If you want to **restore settings**, click the **Import Policy** link.

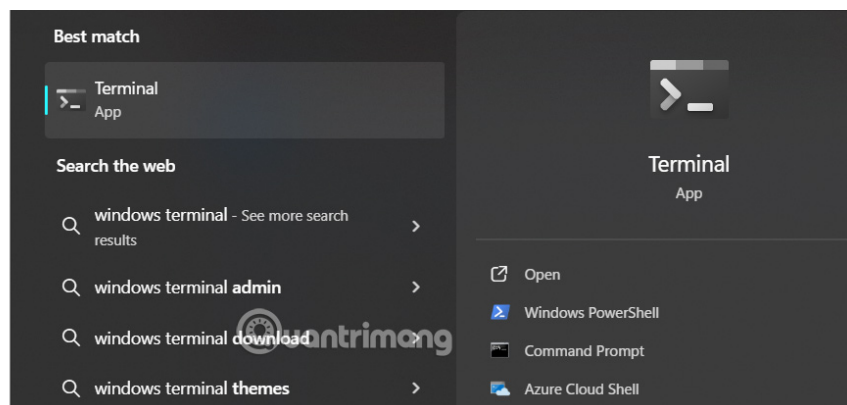


We will export the Microsoft Defender settings backup file as a .wfw file format.



## Backup and Restore Defender Firewall Using Command Prompt

We open Windows Terminal on the computer and then select and choose Command Prompt or PowerShell.



Then we enter the command below.

**Command Prompt:**

```
netsh advfirewall export "%userprofile%DesktopFirewallBackup.wfw"
```

**With PowerShell:**

```
netsh advfirewall export "$Env:USERPROFILE\DesktopFirewallBackup.wfw"
```

To restore or import Firewall settings, run the command below using Command Prompt or PowerShell

```
netsh advfirewall import "C:\Users\Richard\Desktop\FirewallBackup.wfw"
```

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