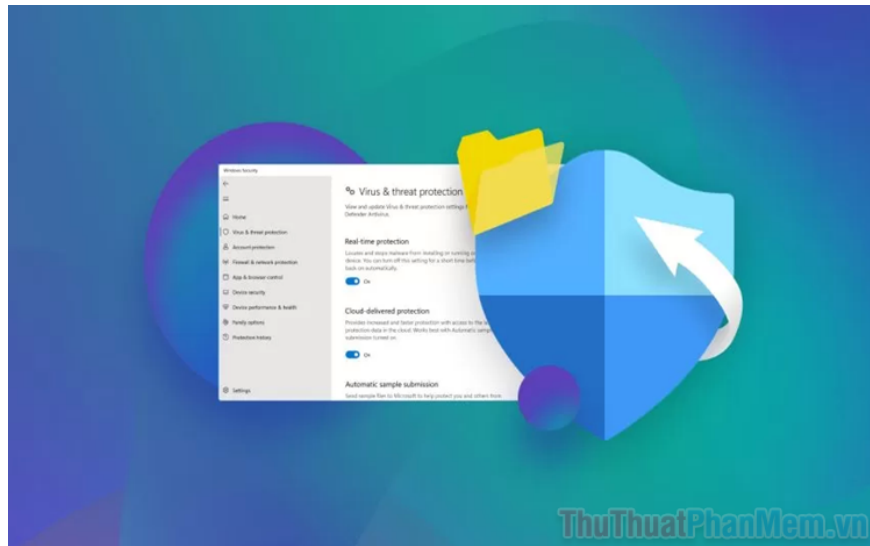


How to recover files deleted by Microsoft Defender quickly and simply

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1. Why does Microsoft Defender delete files on the computer?

Microsoft Defender was developed as an anti-virus tool, protecting computers against dangers from malicious documents. When a suspected Virus file is detected on the computer, Microsoft Defender analyzes and quarantines the suspected file to ensure the system is not affected. With high scanning ability and sensitivity, Microsoft Defender detects and removes viruses very well. But sometimes Microsoft Defender also detects the wrong file and automatically deletes it, making the user unable to use the computer.



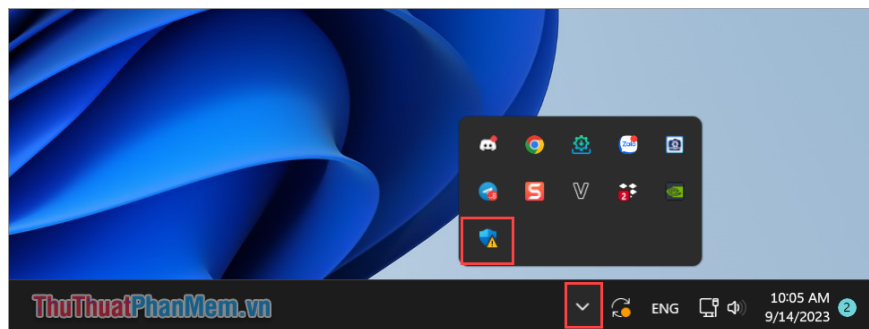
However, don't worry because Microsoft Defender will not delete the suspect file permanently but will only put it in a quarantine area until you decide to delete or restore it. When you want to restore a file that has been quarantined by Microsoft Defender, you must consider carefully and clearly understand that file to avoid mistakenly restoring a Virus file that can damage your computer.

Microsoft Defender is currently highly rated in the anti-virus software market. The effectiveness of Microsoft Defender has been tested by many companies and has given good feedback. Although sometimes Microsoft Defender is a bit too sensitive to document files downloaded online, it is a completely good thing to protect your computer against viruses, hackers, etc.

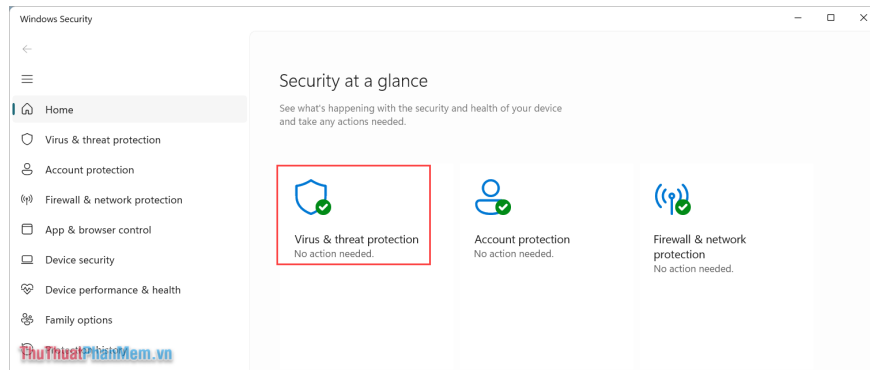
2. How to recover files directly deleted by Microsoft Defender

Microsoft Defender displays a notification on the screen about a Virus file warning and the system has offered a solution to quarantine malicious files, so you can completely restore deleted files directly in Microsoft Defender.

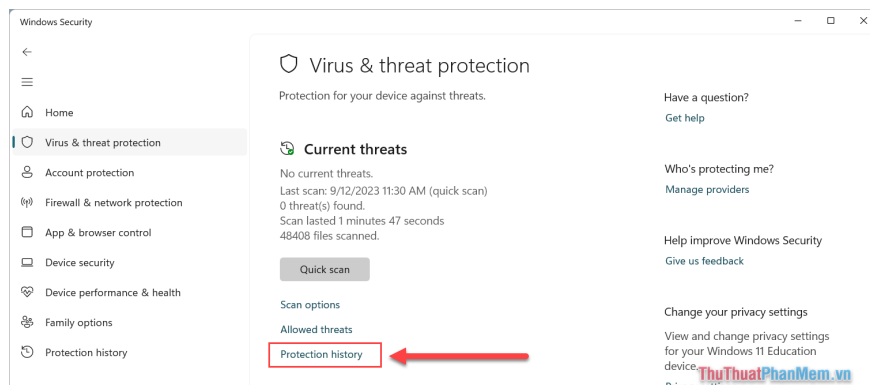
Step 1 : Expand the Taskbar and select **Windows Defender** to check the antivirus on your computer.



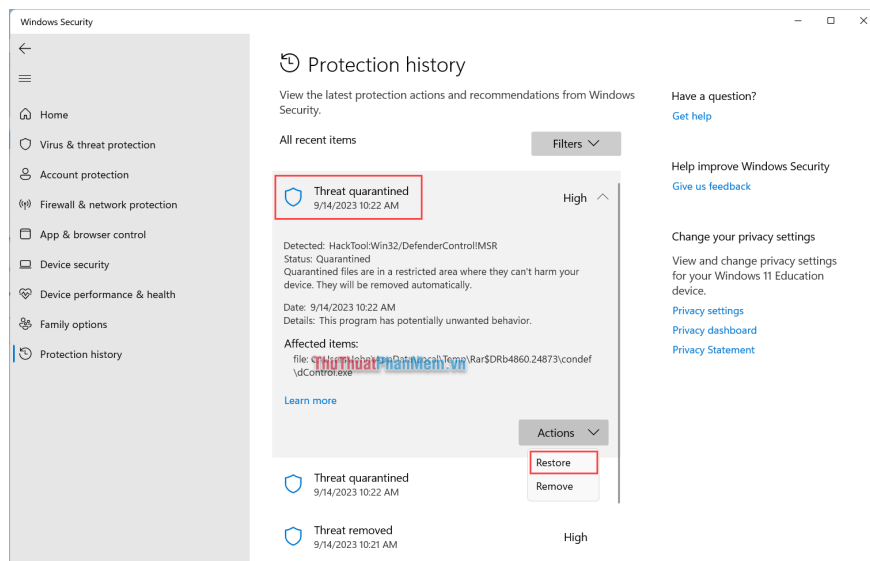
Step 2 : In the Windows Defender window, select **Virus & Threat protection** to check for deleted files.



Step 3 : When the Windows Defender system deletes the file, all data will be included in **Protection History** .

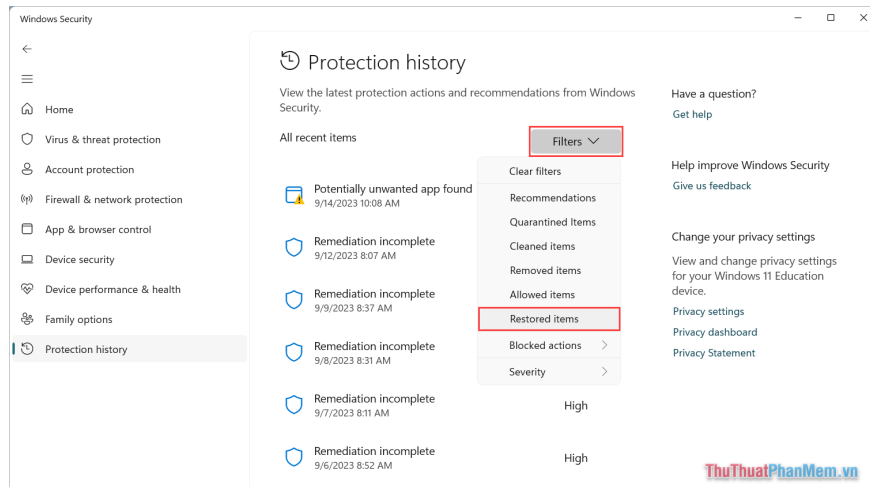


Step 4 : Now, search in the Threat quarantined tasks to see which files were deleted by Windows Defender and need to be restored. Once you have identified the file you need to restore, select **Actions => Restore** to restore.



Files after restoring from Windows Defender will be located in their original folder.

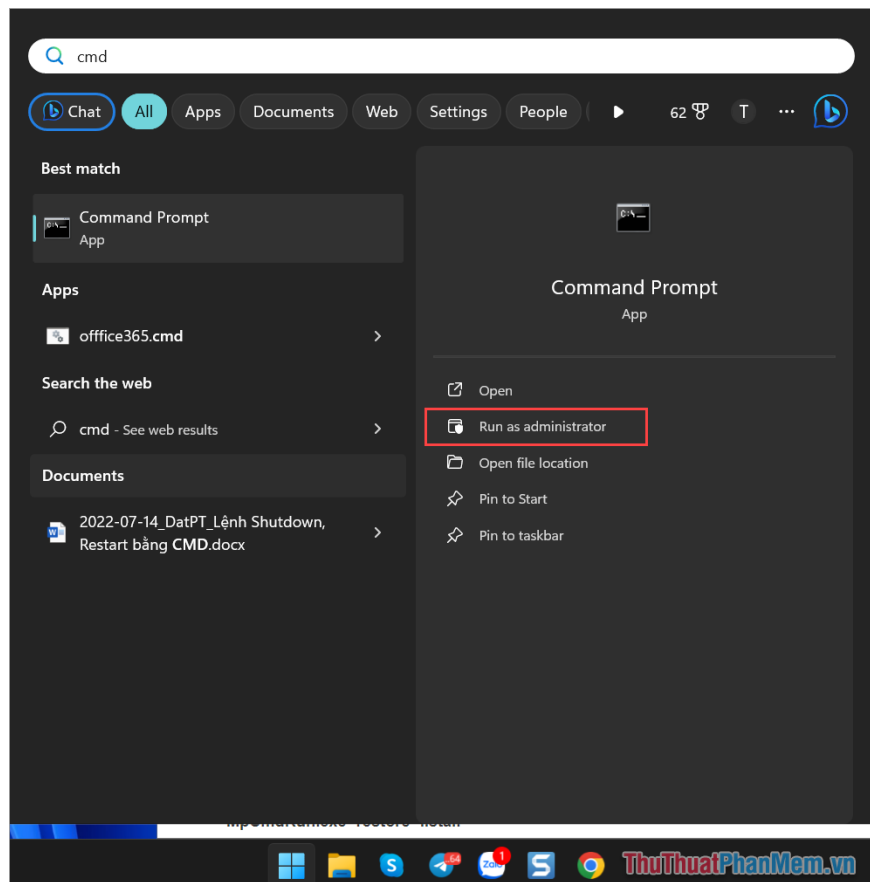
Step 5 : In case Windows Defender does not display the list of deleted files, select **Filters => Restored Items/ Removed Items** to restore deleted files on Windows Defender.



3. How to recover files deleted by Microsoft Defender using Command Prompt

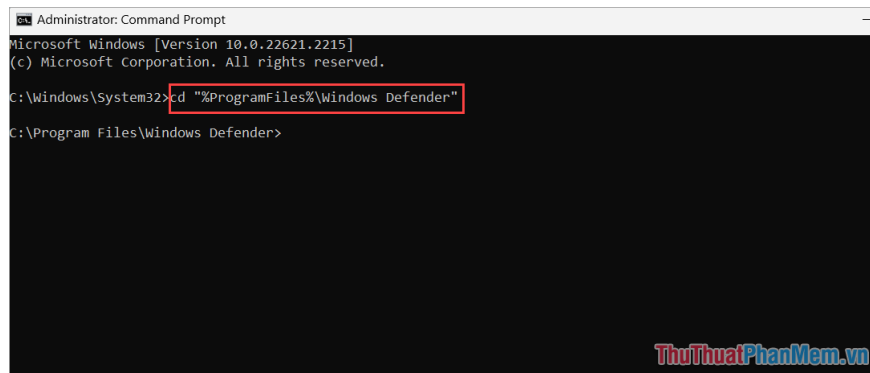
Command Prompt is the most versatile command code tool on Windows that helps you handle all problems. When Microsoft Defender mistakenly deletes a file suspected of being malicious on Windows 10/11, use CMD to restore the file.

Step 1 : Open MenuStart, enter **CMD** and select **Run as administrator** to open Command Prompt with admin rights.



Step 2 : In the CMD window, enter the following command.

cd "%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender"



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Administrator: Command Prompt
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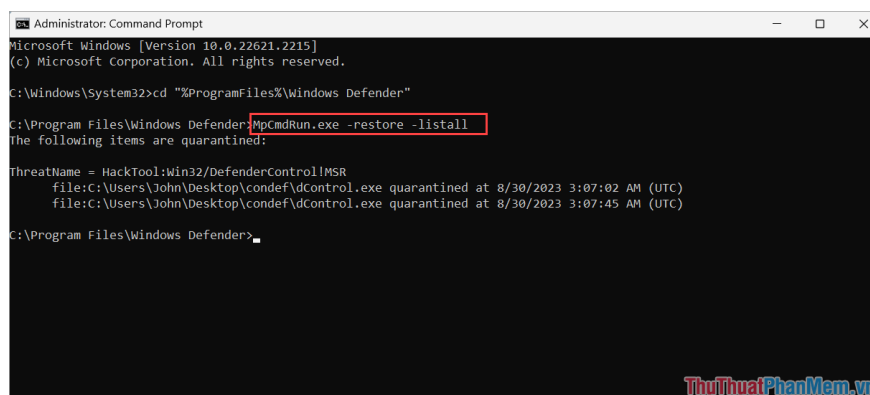
C:\Windows\System32>cd "%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender"

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Step 3 : Next, you use below to view the list of deleted files and the names of deleted files.

MpCmdRun.exe -restore -listall



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The following items are quarantined:

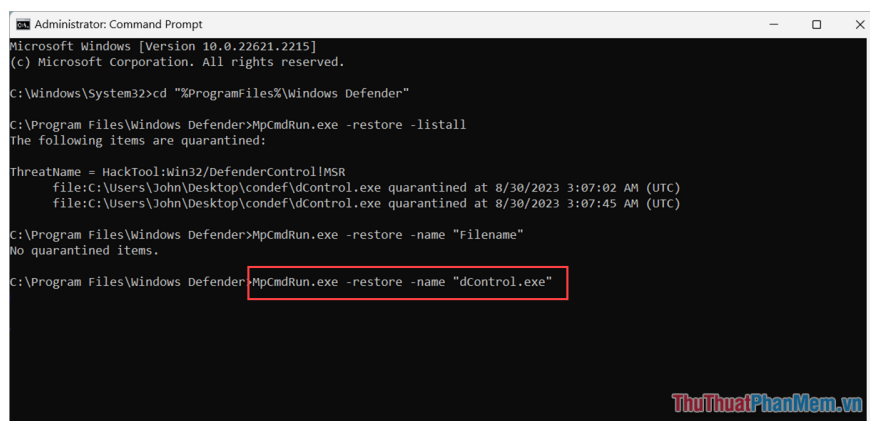
ThreatName = HackTool:Win32/DefenderControl!MSR
file:c:\Users\John\Desktop\condef\dControl.exe quarantined at 8/30/2023 3:07:02 AM (UTC)
file:c:\Users\John\Desktop\condef\dControl.exe quarantined at 8/30/2023 3:07:45 AM (UTC)

C:\Program Files\Windows Defender>
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Step 4 : To restore files deleted by Windows Defender, use the command below:

MpCmdRun.exe -restore -name "(File name)"



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C:\Windows\System32>cd "%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender"

C:\Program Files\Windows Defender>MpCmdRun.exe -restore -listall

The following items are quarantined:

ThreatName = HackTool:Win32/DefenderControl!MSR
file:c:\Users\John\Desktop\condef\dControl.exe quarantined at 8/30/2023 3:07:02 AM (UTC)
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C:\Program Files\Windows Defender>MpCmdRun.exe -restore -name "Filename"

No quarantined items.

C:\Program Files\Windows Defender>MpCmdRun.exe -restore -name "dControl.exe"
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Note: You replace the part (File name) with the file name you want to restore. You see the file name at the line:
File:C:Users.

For example: In this article, TipsMake will restore the dControl.exe file, the complete command is as follows:

MpCmdRun.exe -restore -name "dControl.exe" .

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