

How to turn the camera on and off in Windows 11

Windows 11 gives users the option to turn the camera on/off, as well as choose which applications have access to the camera as desired. In the article below, TipsMake will show you how to turn the camera on and off in Windows 11 with specific instructions.

The camera on your computer allows you to make video calls to anyone using applications like Zoom , Teams, or Skype , and sometimes you need to turn it on or change its configuration to make it work as desired. To protect user privacy, Windows 11 provides the option to completely disable the camera, as well as grant access to it only to certain applications. This feature ensures you can always be sure that your computer's camera is not remotely activated by any third party. **Turning the camera on and off in Windows 11** is very simple, and you just need to follow the instructions shared below.



How to turn the webcam on and off in Windows 11

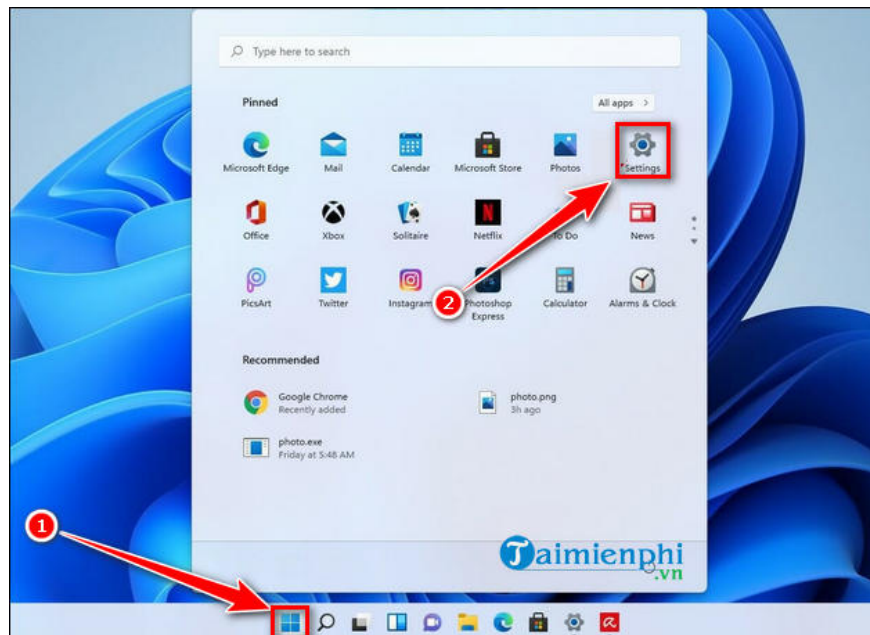
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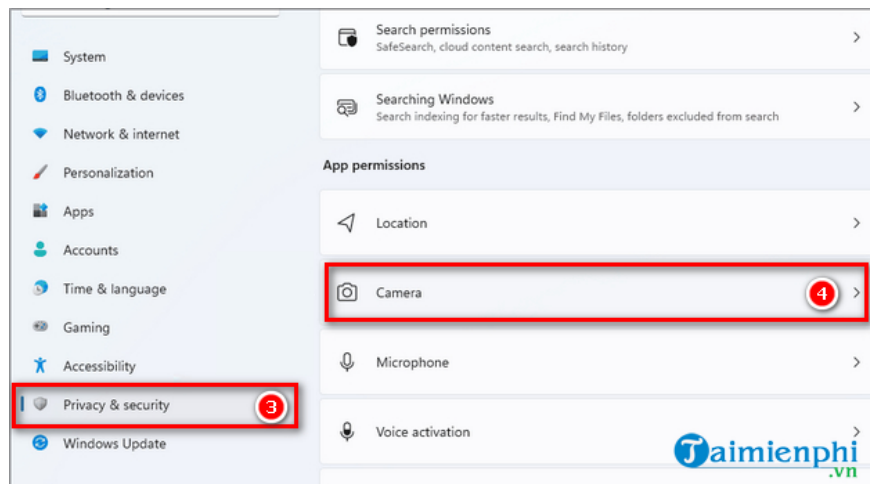
Instructions on how to turn the camera on and off in Windows 11

1. How to turn the camera on or off on Windows 11

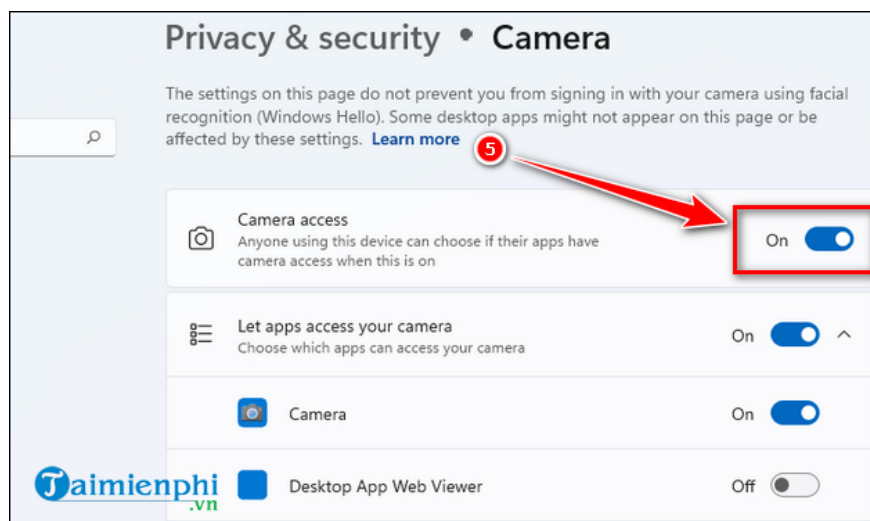
Step 1: Click on the **Windows icon** in the taskbar and select **Settings**, or press the **Windows + I** key combination to open the settings application.



Step 2: Select **Privacy & Security** in the left-hand panel and **Camera** in the right-hand panel.



Step 3: In the **Camera access** section, simply switch the toggle switch to the **On** position to turn on the camera or to the **Off** position to turn it off as desired.



However, if the camera is successfully enabled but the microphone on Windows 11 is not working, you can refer to this guide on how to fix this Windows 11 error to use the microphone in chat.

2. Grant camera access to specific applications on Windows 11

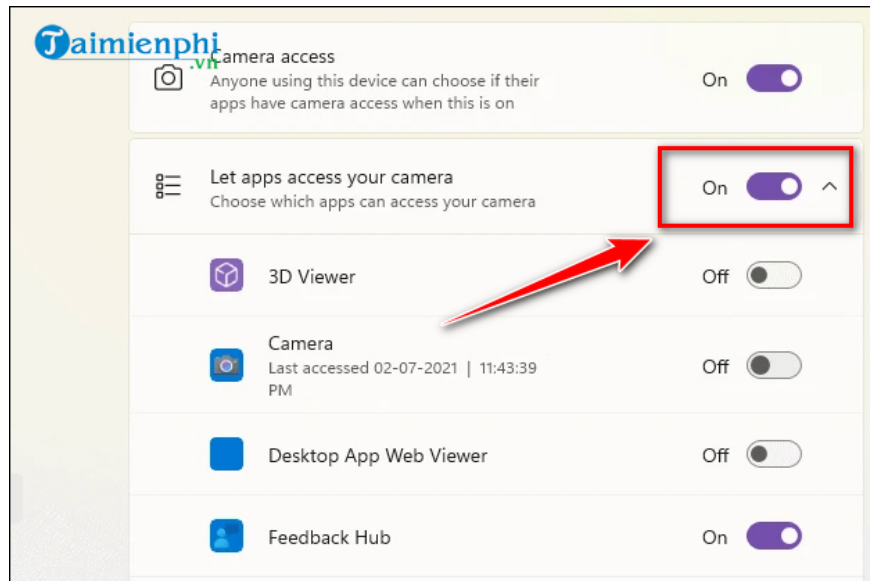
Instead of completely disabling the camera on Windows 11, you can choose which apps have access to the camera and which don't by following these steps:

Step 1: Click the **Windows icon** on the taskbar and select **Settings**, or press the **Windows + I** key combination to open the settings application.

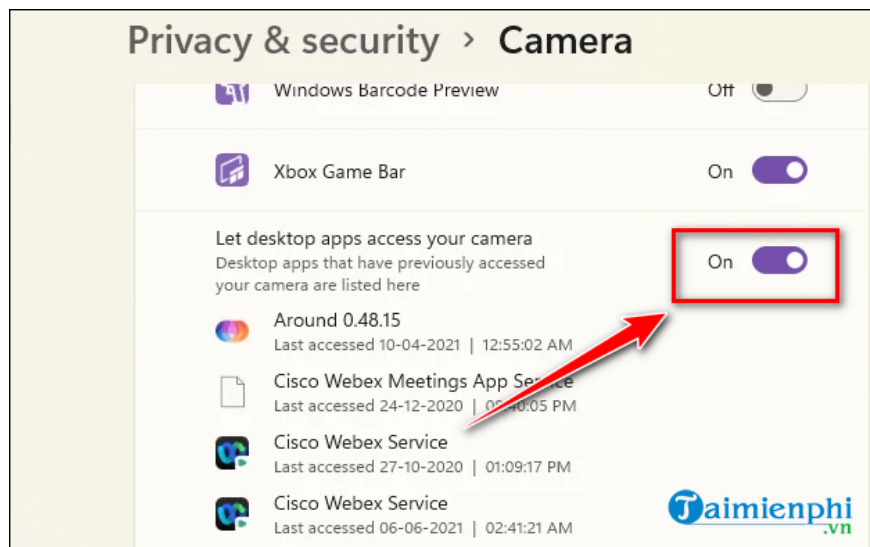
Step 2: Select **Privacy & Security** in the left pane and **Camera** in the right pane.

Step 3: You will see two types of applications on your computer: Microsoft applications and third-party applications that you downloaded yourself.

- If you want to allow all Microsoft apps to access your camera, turn on the "**Let apps access your camera**" option. Then, you can select specific apps that have permission to use the camera by toggling the toggle switch next to that app to the "**On**" position.



- If you want to allow all third-party apps to access your camera, enable the " **Let desktop apps access your camera**" option . Note that you cannot selectively choose which third-party apps can access your computer's camera, unlike Microsoft apps. You can only allow all or all apps to use the camera.



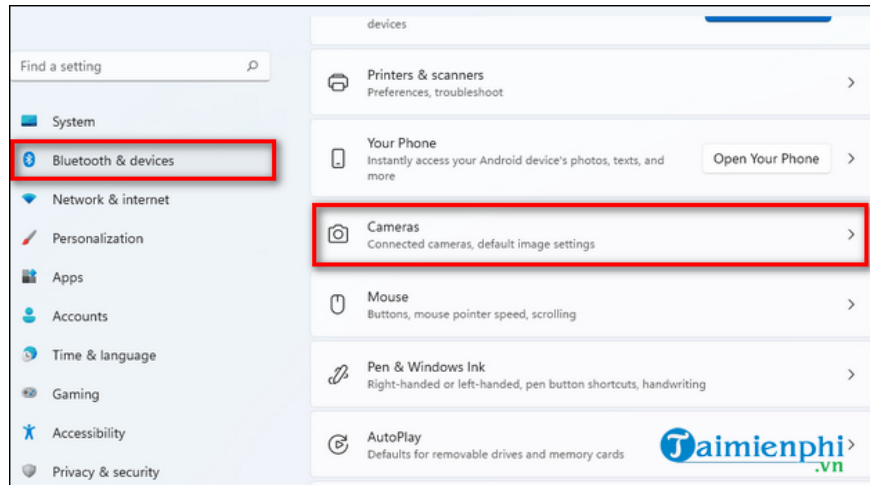
You have now granted permission for the camera to operate on Windows 11.

3. How to turn the Camera on/off on Windows 11

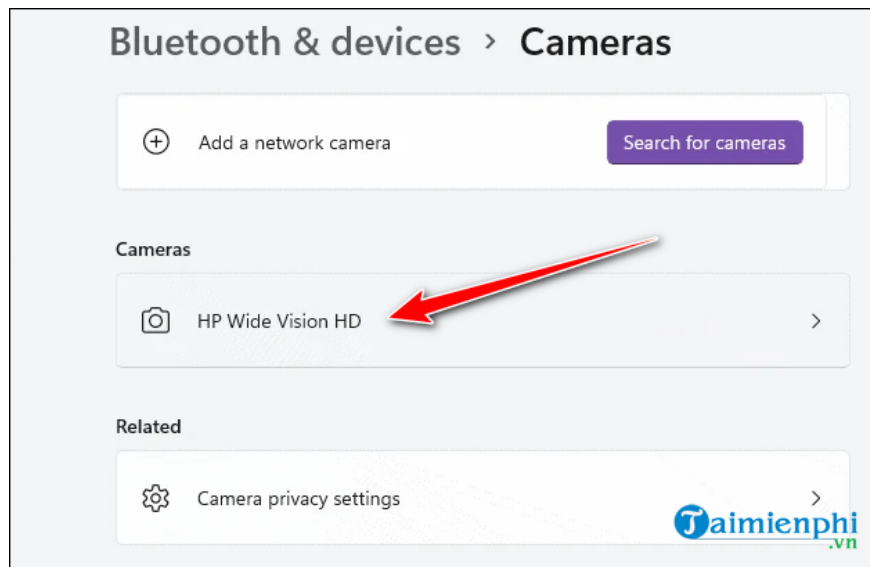
Additionally, you can easily turn a specific camera device on or off. This allows you to control when your computer and other applications can access a particular camera device.

Step 1: Click on **the Windows icon** in the taskbar and select **Settings** , or **press the Windows + I** key combination to open the settings application.

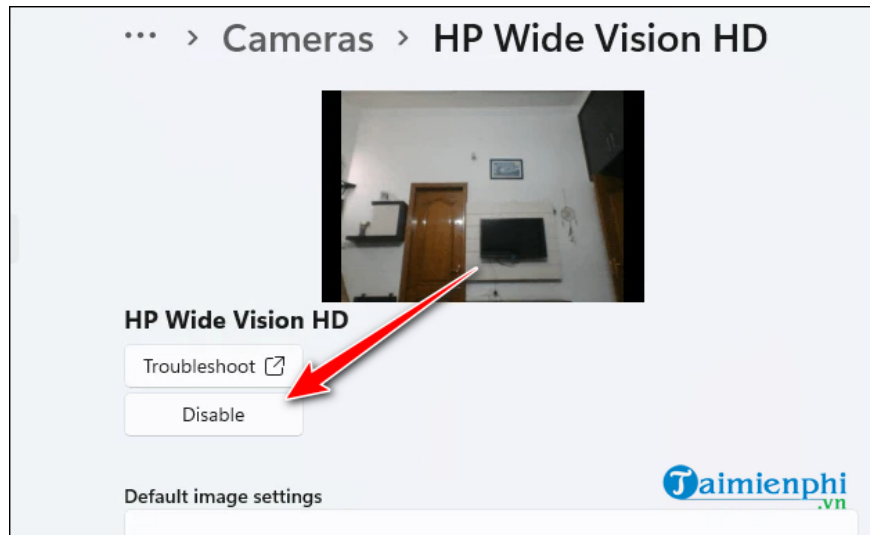
Step 2: Select **Bluetooth & Devices** in the left panel and **Cameras** in the right panel.



Step 3: Click on your camera.



Step 4: Click the **Disable** button to disable the camera and select **Yes** to confirm the action.



To turn the camera back on, simply click the **Enable** button next to the device name in the list.

In summary, TipsMake has guided you on how to turn the camera on and off on Windows 11. With just a few simple steps, you can configure your Windows 11 camera settings to your liking, whether that means completely disabling the camera or granting permissions to certain applications or devices.

Additionally, you can also refer to how to take screenshots in Windows 11 here to use when needed.

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