

# How to use ZoneAlarm?

ZoneAlarm Free Firewall is one of the best and easiest to use programs to protect your computer from online threats. Firewalls are an effective tool against bad guys trying to get into your computer and use your personal information.

ZoneAlarm's firewall offers two-way protection against both threats from hackers and fraudsters trying to get into your computer, and prevents spyware and adware from trying to get into your computer. try to send information about what you are doing back to its source.

## Get started with ZoneAlarm

Before you begin, you need to [download and install ZoneAlarm Firewall](#). During the installation process, you can choose to install the **ZoneAlarm Security Toolbar** to enhance protection when browsing the web.

Once installed, click the ZoneAlarm toolbar icon to get started.

The main screen of ZoneAlarm Free Firewall will show you three main areas: **Computer, Internet & Identity** and **Data** .

When you see the green check mark in the left corner of the program, you can know that you are really safe from all the threats that come and go on your computer.



## Configure ZoneAlarm Firewall

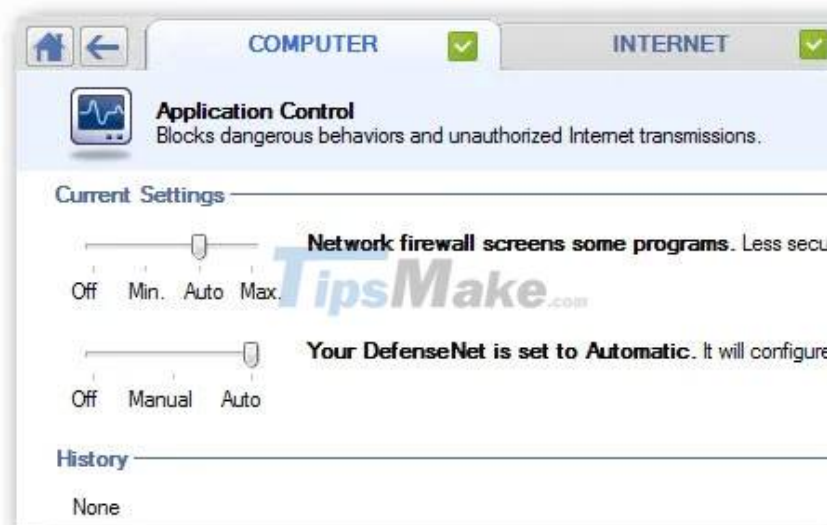


Click **Computer**. ZoneAlarm's **Computer** settings give you **Basic Firewall**, **Anti-virus & Anti-spyware**, **Application Control** and **PC Tune-up** options .



**PC Tune-up, Anti-virus & Anti-spyware** are only available in the paid versions of ZoneAlarm, so you won't be able to work with them in ZoneAlarm Free Firewall. The purpose of this product is to gain access to the firewall, protecting you from internal and external attacks while the system is running.

**Application Control** monitors and allows you to work with programs that can be hacked or harm your computer. Because hackers sometimes use programs to break into systems, you must be careful with what you install and where you download them to keep your computer safe from harm.



Click **Settings** next to **Basic Firewall**. Here you can control the level of security the firewall uses. If you suspect you've been targeted, the higher the setting, the better protection you have. Only work with **Advanced Settings** if you understand how these settings affect connections to and from your computer.

Now, click the back arrow and select **Settings** next to **Application Control**. You can further protect your computer by restricting the programs that can be accessed. You can experiment with the settings in this section to find the best balance in preventing harmful programs from running on your computer.



Click the **Home** button to return to the home screen, then click **Internet**. These settings work with how you access the Internet to keep your computer safe while browsing the web. The only area you can work on is Anti-phishing, other areas are only available in the paid version of this firewall software.

Click **Anti-phishing**, you will see that anti-phishing protection has been activated.



Click **Settings**. This will open the anti-phishing protection settings in ZoneAlarm Free Firewall. You should always select **Automatically check for anti-phishing updates** to stay up to date with the latest threats.

Click **OK** when finished adjusting the settings. Now click on **Identity & Data**.



This area provides two parts to work with: **Identity Protection** and **Online Backup**. The third option is not available in the free version. Click **Identity Protection**.

ZoneAlarm provides a credit monitoring service that you can access from this area. You must enable it to start using it. To do that, click **Activate/Manage** to get started. You will be directed to the ZoneAlarm website to begin the registration process. You are offered a free one-year subscription to the service to use the product.

Click the back arrow, then select **Online Backup**. This will take you back to the ZoneAlarm website, where you can install the software to use the online backup service. The free version of the firewall software offered includes 2GB of backup space. To get started, you must install the software and go through the registration and syncing process.

## Firewall updates and other options

At the top right of ZoneAlarm Free Firewall, you will find a toolbar with program options.

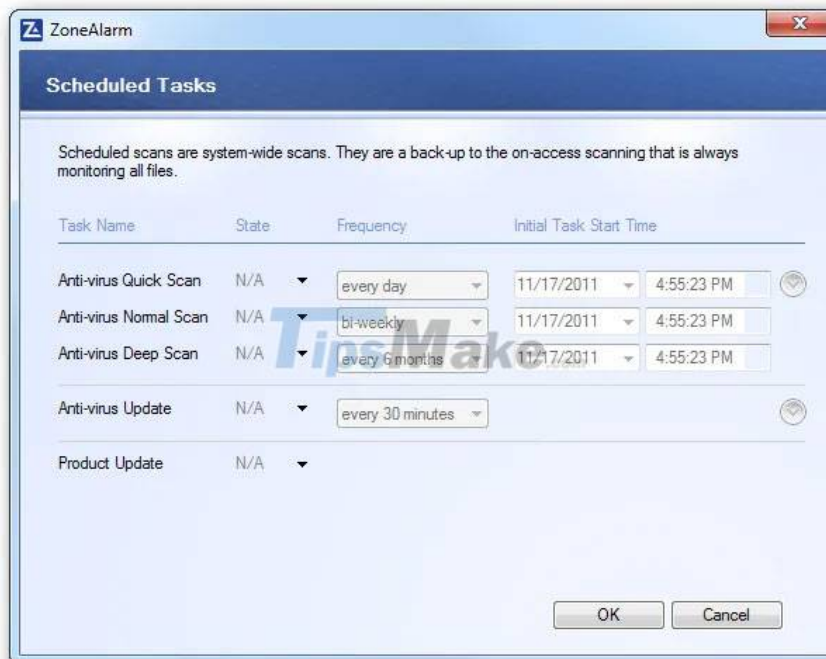
Click **Update**. This will initiate the ZoneAlarm Free Firewall update. You should do this at least once a week or better whenever you open the firewall to work with settings or check for threats.

Now click on **Tools**. This will give you many options for working within ZoneAlarm Free Firewall.

If you choose to purchase the full version of the security suite, click **Enter License** to enter your subscription license.

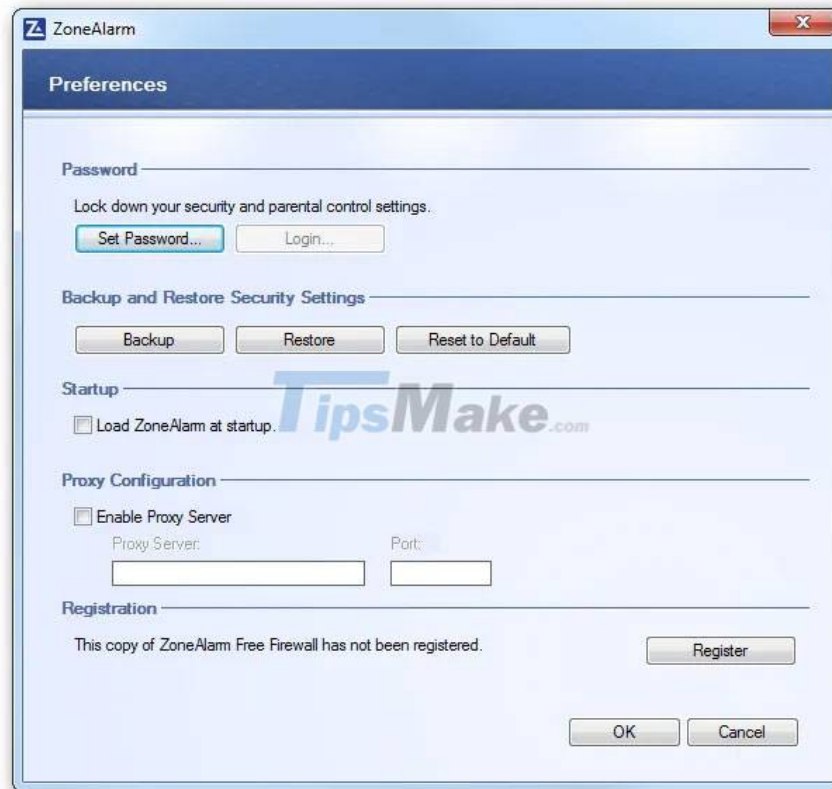


Click **Game Mode**. This will allow you to limit the firewall while playing a game, such as an online MMO, or any game that may be affected by incoming and outgoing data on the computer. Remember to turn off **Game Mode** when you're done playing.



Open the tools menu again and click **Scheduled Tasks**. This will allow you to schedule tasks if you have the appropriate software installed along with the ZoneAlarm security suite.

Again, open the tools menu and now click **Preferences**.



You can now change how ZoneAlarm works in a number of ways through its settings. You can also backup, restore, and reset settings to defaults if you have trouble adjusting. You can also sign up for your free firewall with Zone Labs to stay up to date with the latest news and releases.

If you need more help with ZoneAlarm Free Firewall, you can click **Help**. This will give you a variety of topics to choose from, including the top 10 questions users have about the program.

Here's everything you need to know about how to get started with ZoneAlarm Free Firewall. It will take some time to get used to this tool, but once you get the hang of it, you'll find it a great way to keep your computer protected.

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