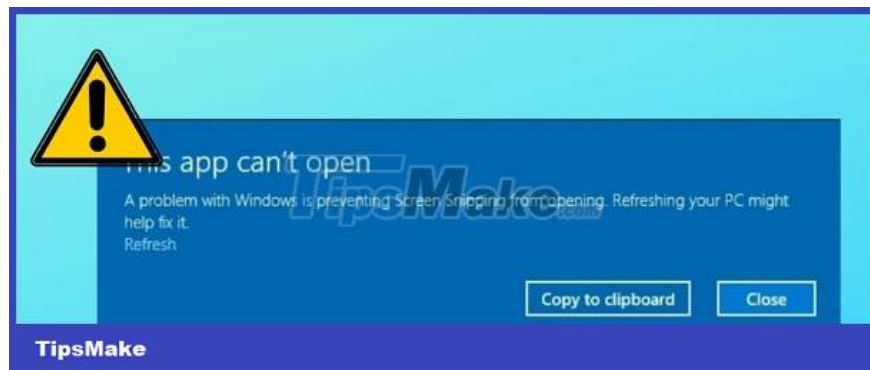


# Snipping Tool cannot be used, summarize effective ways to fix it

Snipping Tool is a convenient screen capture tool on Windows and is loved by many users. Most of the time, the Snipping Tool works smoothly and is easy to use. But sometimes this tool still encounters some problems, especially after Windows Vista version.

Specifically, there have been countless users experiencing **the Snipping Tool not being able to be used** . TipsMake will immediately take measures to help you fix it.



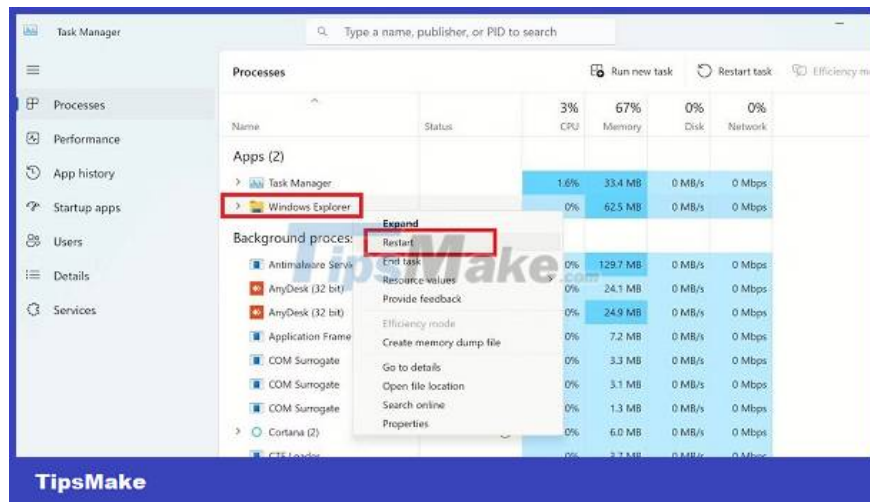
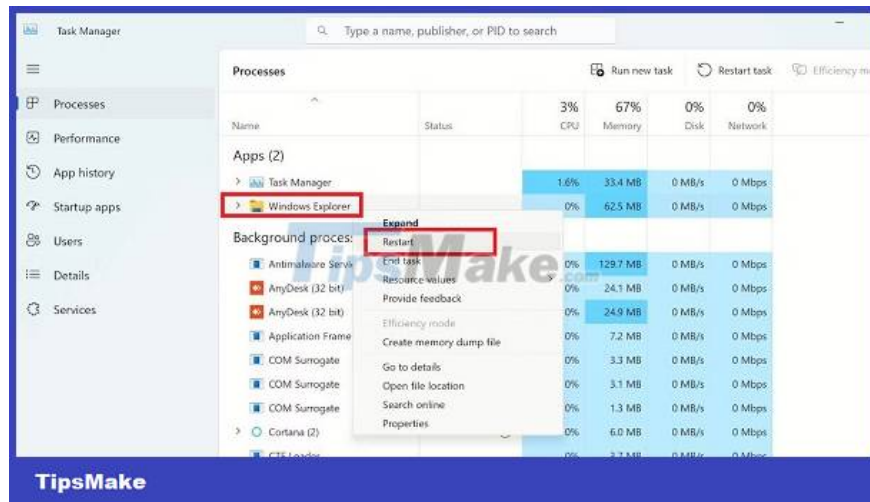
## Detailed instructions on how to fix when the Snipping Tool cannot be used

If you are looking for a way to fix the error of missing Snipping Tool in Windows 10/11, immediately refer to my article ' **Fix the error of missing Snipping Tool in Windows 10, 11 quickly and effectively** '. Particularly in today's tips section, the admin will mention the problem of the Snipping Tool not being able to take screenshots and not working. To fix this error, users apply the following solutions:

## 1/ Restart Windows File Explorer to fix the error

One of the first quick ways you should apply is to restart Windows Explorer. Because Snipping Tool is a subset of the File Explorer service, it is possible that the problem arises from here.

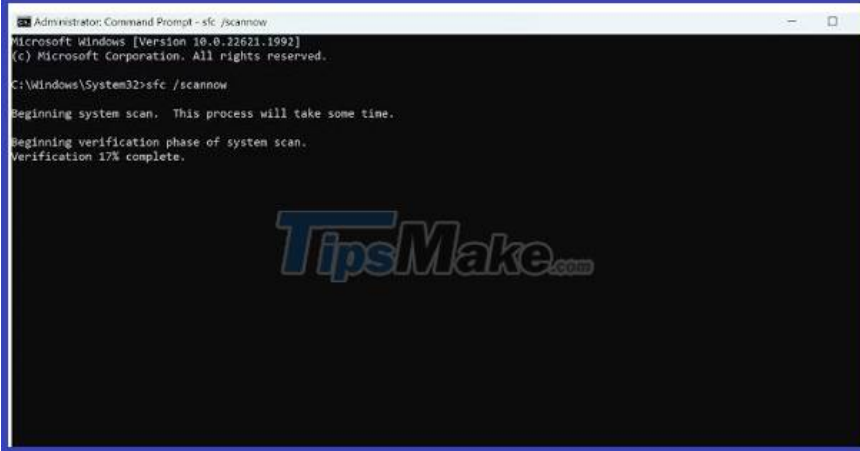
You just need to press the key combination **Ctrl + Alt + Del** > Select **Task Manager** . Or an even faster way is to press the key combination **CTRL + Shift + ESC** to directly open the task manager. Scroll down and right-click **Windows Explorer** > Select **Restart** > After this process is complete, reopen the Snipping Tool and check to see if the problem has been fixed or not!



**Note:** If the Snipping Tool was working normally before and it only malfunctioned after you just downloaded a 3rd party application. There is a high possibility that this software has interfered and prevented Snipping Tool from working. So, try uninstalling this software and checking for errors.

## 2/ Run Scannow tool when Snipping Tool Win 11/Win 10 fails

1. **Step 1** : Click the Start button or click the magnifying glass search icon on the taskbar > Type **cmd** > When the Command Prompt results display, click the **Run as Administrator** line to open as an administrator.
2. **Step 2** : Enter the command **sfc /scannow** and press **Enter** to run this command.
3. **Step 3** : Continue entering the **snippingtool.exe** command and press **Enter** to launch the Snipping Tool manually > After the process is completed, see if the error still exists or not!



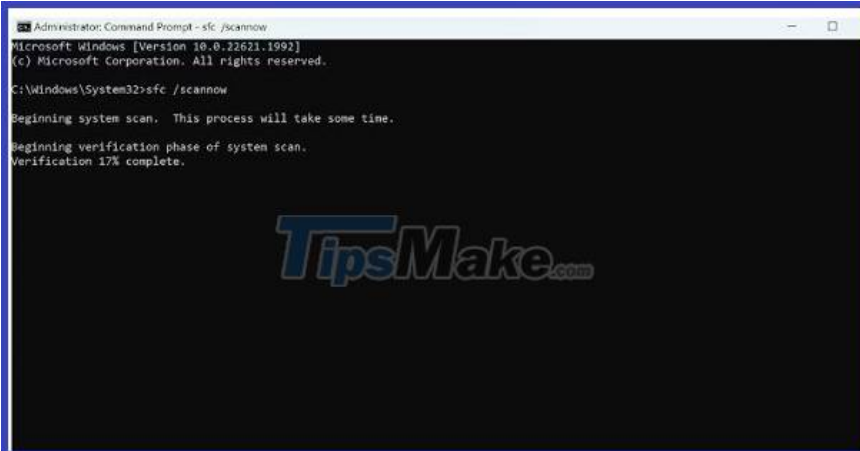
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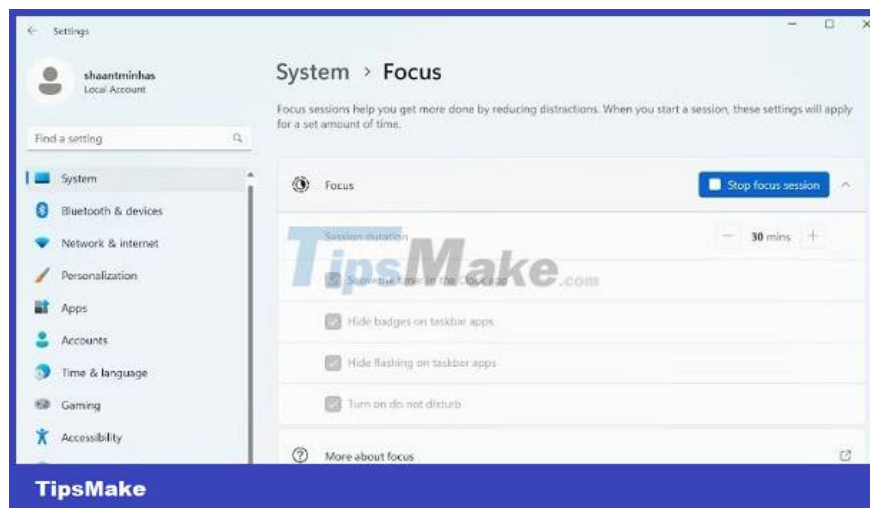
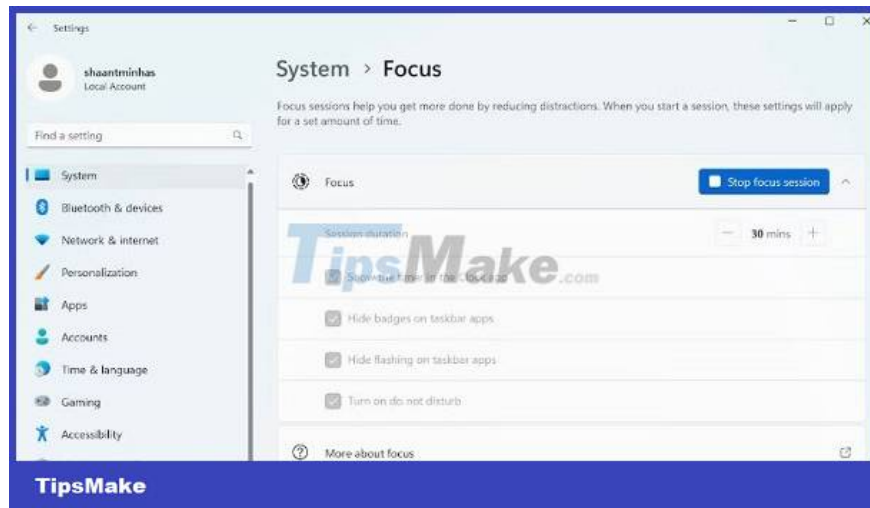
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### 3/ Turn off focus (Focus)

Focus, formerly known as Focus Assist could be the 'culprit' preventing the Snipping Tool from working. You should disable it if this feature is enabled.

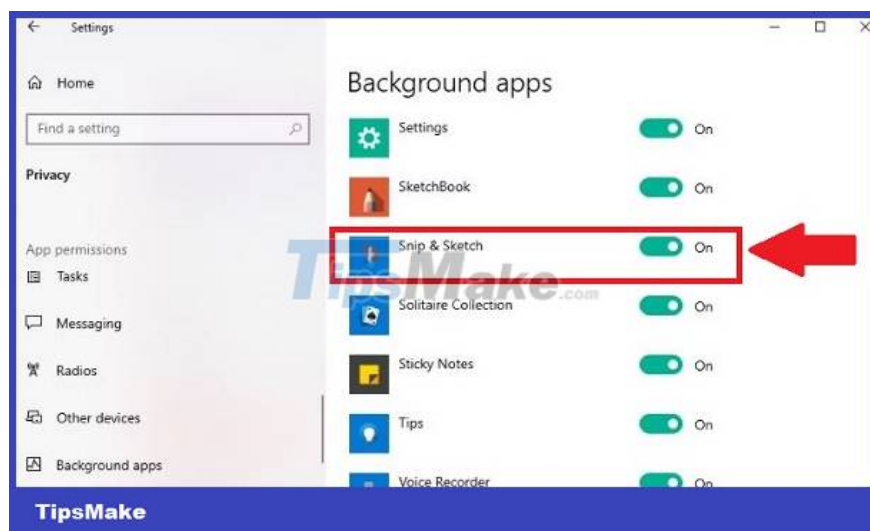
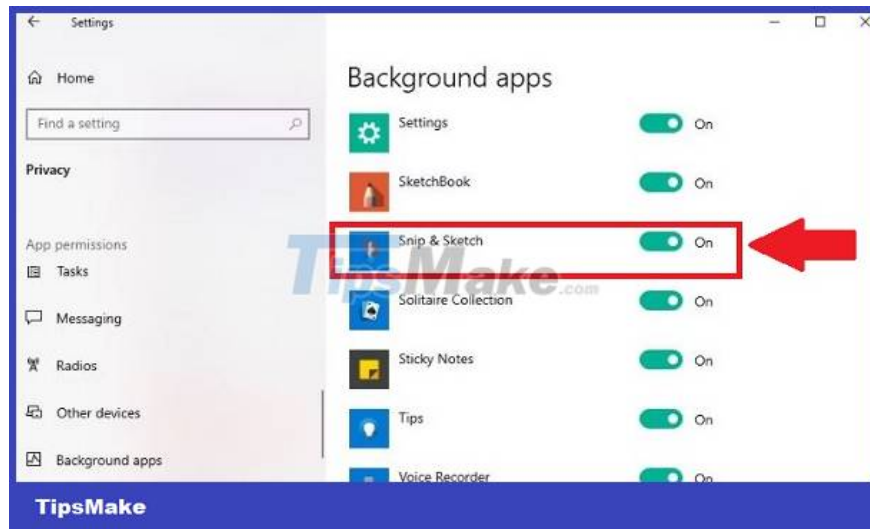
**Press the Windows + I** key combination to open settings > Select **System** > **Focus Assist** > Turn off all Focus assist features > Check to see if the Snipping Tool is working again or not.



#### 4/ Install Snipping Tool to run in the background

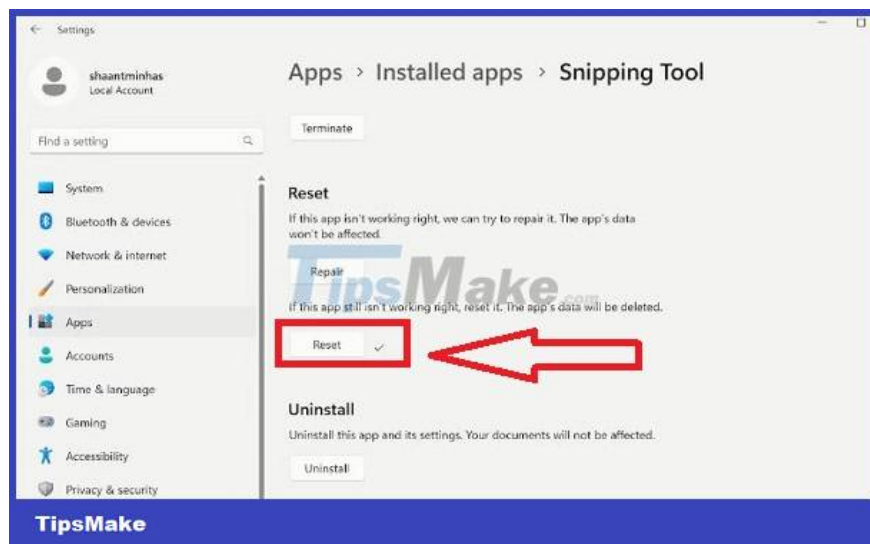
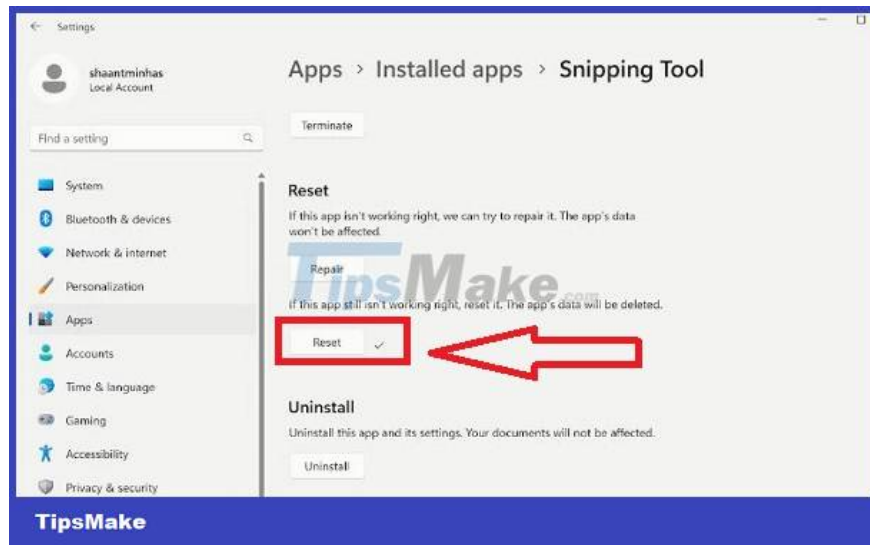
Snipping Tool may also not work if it lacks the necessary permissions to run in the background on Windows. Therefore, you also press the key combination **Windows + I** to open settings again> Select **Privacy** .

Then, click on **Background apps** in the list on the left > In the right area, search for **Snip & Sketch** > If you see it is in Off mode, press the switch to turn it **ON** .



## 5/ Reset Snipping Tool

1. **Step 1** : Open Settings (Windows + I) > Select **Apps** > Select **Installed apps** .
2. **Step 2** : Find the **Snipping tool** application > Click on the **Advanced options** line .
3. **Step 3** : Find the **Reset** section > Click **Reset** in this section and continue to follow the instructions on the screen to complete the reset process.



In addition to the remedies for Snipping Tool not being able to be used as I shared above. If the error still cannot be fixed, try other basic solutions such as updating Windows, updating the video card driver, or trying another screen capture tool. Wishing you success in fixing the error!

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