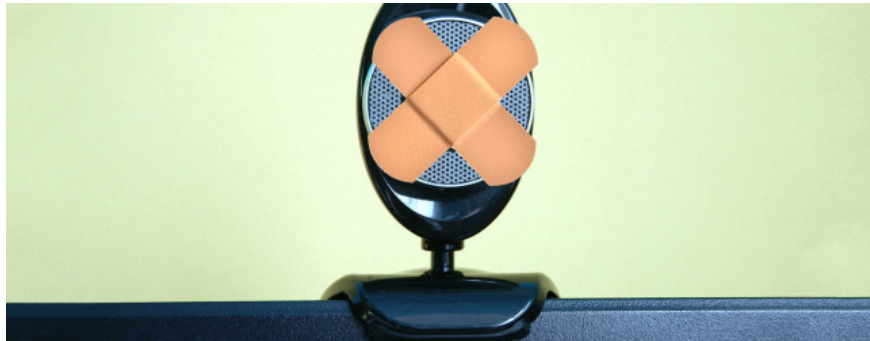


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But the Webcam security vulnerability is also one of the most worrying issues for users. Users do not know that they are being watched by this "speechless" camera device. Back to events in 2013, we've learned the lesson about how dangerous a webcam is.



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So setting up a camera (webcam) on your computer in "private" mode or disabling the camera (webcam) is also a way to protect your computer and protect your online accounts. in safe state.

## 2. Disable (turn off) Webcam on Laptop

On Laptop there are options available to disable the built-in Webcam. To disable the Webcam on your Laptop, follow the steps below:

On Windows 10, go to **Start**, then enter the **webcam** into the Search frame. On the list of search results, click the **Webcam privacy settings** . On the next window find and switch the **Let apps use my camera option** to **OFF** .

### Camera

Let apps use my camera



[Privacy Statement](#)

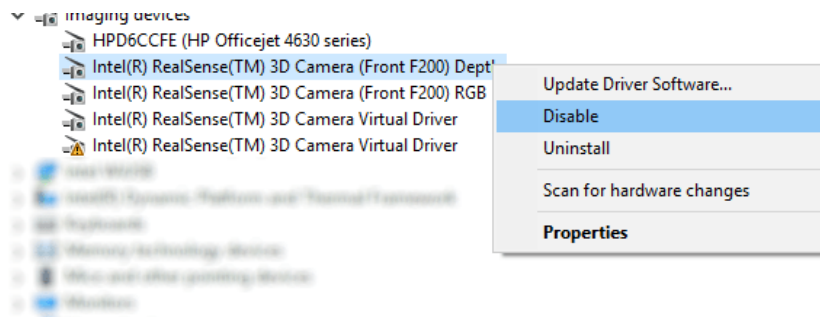
[Learn more about camera privacy settings](#)

### Choose apps that can use your camera

Some apps need access to your camera to work as intended. Turning off an app here might limit what it can do.

However, this method is only valid for Modern and Windows Store applications.

To turn off the Webcam completely on Laptop, right-click **Start**, then select Device Manager. In the Device Manager window, find **Imaging Devices** . Right-click the camera device, select **Disable** to prevent the camera from working and click **Yes** to confirm. However, once done, you must restart the laptop or install the update to apply the change.



In addition, Windows users have another option to disable the Webcam by disabling Webcam on the BIOS system. Depending on the manufacturer, each computer line has a different way of accessing the BIOS, but for laptops, a common way to access the BIOS is to press the **F2** or **Del** keys during the laptop boot.

Refer to how to access BIOS on different computers here.

After accessing the BIOS, proceed to find Camera options, such as CMOS camera, integrated camera or simply a camera.

Use the arrow keys to navigate on the BIOS, follow the instructions at the bottom of the screen to disable the camera.

### 3. Disable Webcam on Mac OS X and Linux operating systems

#### - With Mac OS X:

With Mac users can disable Webcam by using isightdisabler script from Techslaves.

1. Download iSight Disabler version 5.0 - Mavericks support here.
1. Download iSight Disabler version 4.0 - support Lion here.
1. Download iSight Disabler version 3.5 - Snow Leopard support here.

To use isightdisabler script from Techslaves to disable Webcam, you can refer to the steps in the video below:

#### - With Linux:

For Linux users, you can use the Terminal command to disable the Webcam on the system:

```
sudo modprobe -r uvcvideo
```

The -r command in the above command is used to disable Webcam, in case if you want to re-enable the camera (webcam), you use the command:

```
sudo modprobe uvcvideo
```

### **Refer to some of the following articles:**

1. On Windows 10 you should disable these features
1. Windows Defender is disabled or inactive, this is a fix
1. Steps to disable or completely remove the Onedrive application on Windows 10

### **Good luck!**

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