

# How to Disable Windows Defender Using the Group Policy Editor in Windows

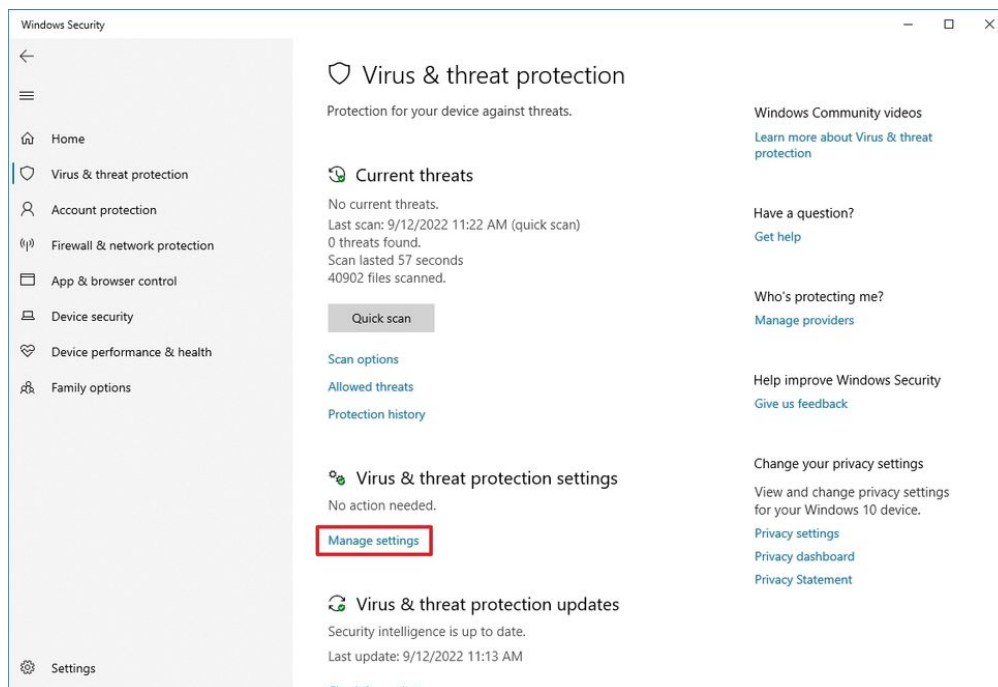
If you want to disable Microsoft Defender Antivirus permanently, you can use the Group Policy Editor. The only caveat is that you must also disable the "Tamper Protection" feature before the policy can apply.

On Windows 10, Tamper protection is a feature that protects Windows Security against unwanted changes from outside the app. Since the Local Group Policy Editor modifies the security settings from outside the app, the antivirus will restore any changes you have made during the next restart.

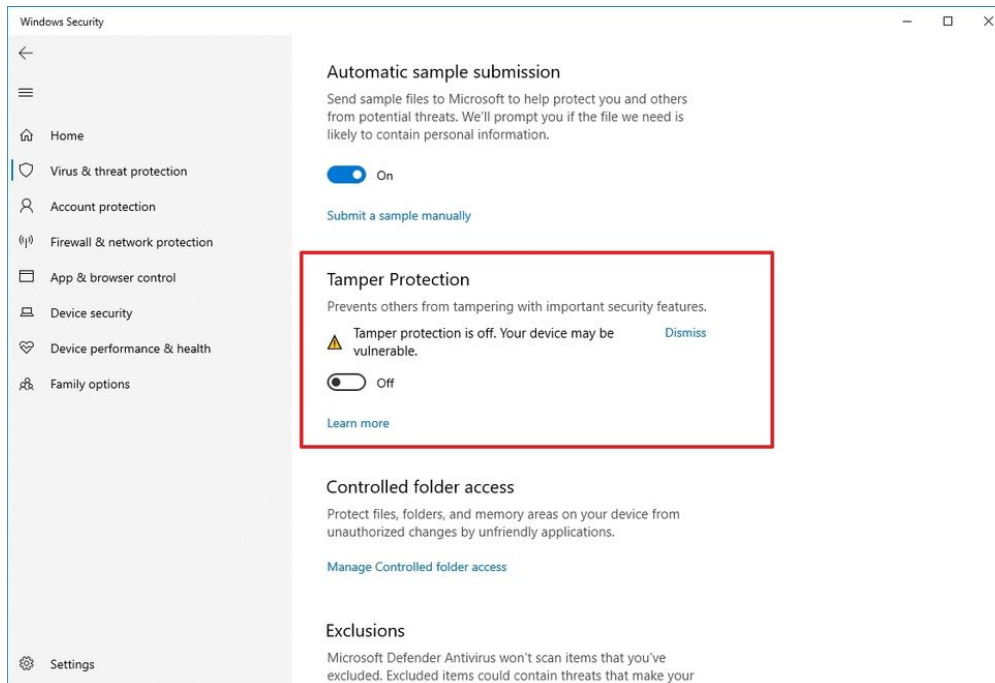
## Disable Tamper Protection

To disable Tamper Protection, use these steps:

1. Open **Start**.
2. Search for **Windows Security** and click the top result to open the app.
3. Click on **Virus & threat protection**.
4. Under the "Virus & threat protection settings" section, click the **Manage settings** option.



5. Turn off the **Tamper Protection** toggle switch.

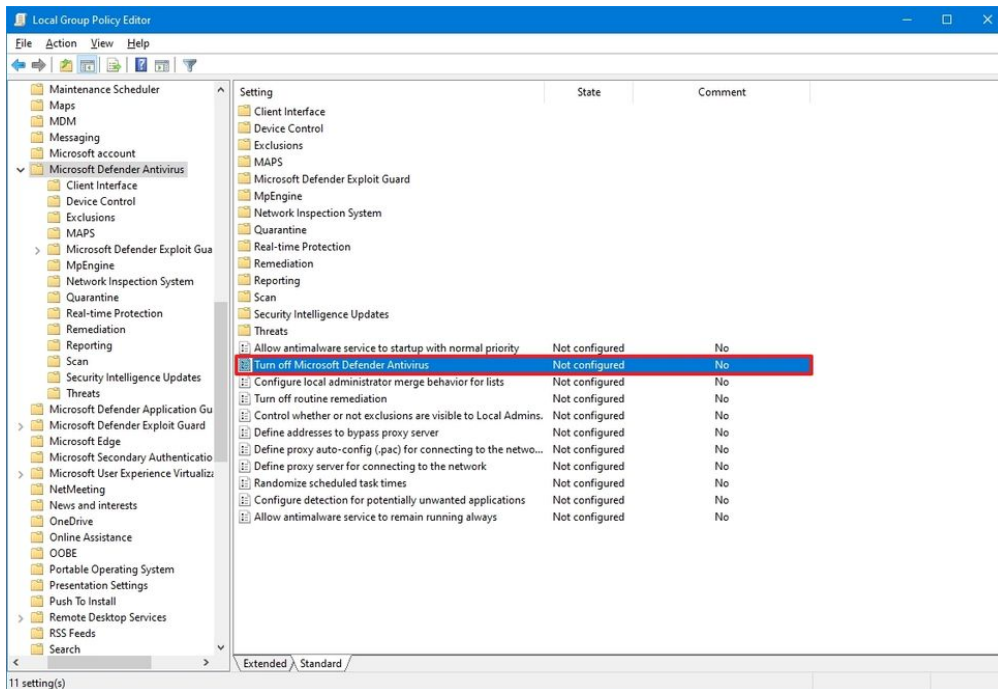


After you complete the steps, continue with the instructions to disable default Windows 10 antivirus using Group Policy.

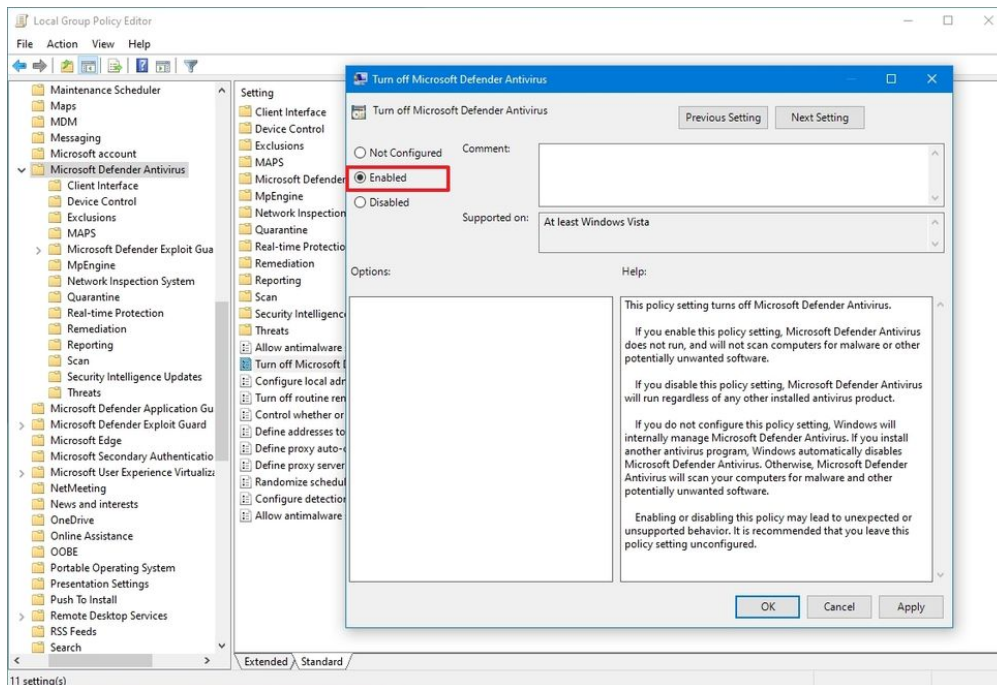
## Disable Microsoft Defender Antivirus

To disable Microsoft Defender Antivirus permanently on Windows 10, use these steps:

1. Open **Start**.
2. Search for **gpedit.msc** and click the top result to open the **Local Group Policy Editor**.
3. Browse the following path: **Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Microsoft Defender Antivirus**
4. Double-click the **"Turn off Microsoft Defender Antivirus"** policy.



5. Select the **Enabled** option to disable Microsoft Defender Antivirus permanently.



6. Click the **Apply** button.
7. Click the **OK** button.
8. Restart your computer.