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Is Windows Defender up to its task? This is how to additionally secure your system

The integrated Windows Defender function already provides good protection. By using additional settings though, you can considerably increase security – no expert knowledge required.

Over the last few years, Windows Defender has improved considerably. Today, it is one of the best free antivirus software programs around. It provides adequate protection for many users – at least serving as a basic measure. If you would like to ensure additional protection of your PC in everyday life, you should however activate some additional security features.

One example is the **remote desktop function**. This permits remote access to your own PC – handy for your daily work, but a potential gateway for attackers. If you don't use this function, you should deactivate it in your system settings.

When using **public Wi-Fi** networks – for instance in hotels or at the airport – it is best to set your network profile to “public”. This means your PC will remain invisible for any other devices on the same network.

The **User Account Control (UAC)** option offers further protection. If you set this to the highest level, you will receive a warning before any system changes. This means you can prevent unwanted software from installing.

Last but not least, it is worth taking a look at your **app permissions**. Many apps ask for extensive access, for instance to your camera or location. Over time, such permissions can accumulate. Use your data protection settings to selectively revoke them.

It is well worth undertaking an **annual security check**. Many settings remain the same – but there might be new functions or threats which require regular updates. If you take your time to look into this, you will remain protected in the long term. You can find some simple instructions on this [here \(https://www.ebas.ch/en/privacy-security-windows-11/\)](https://www.ebas.ch/en/privacy-security-windows-11/).