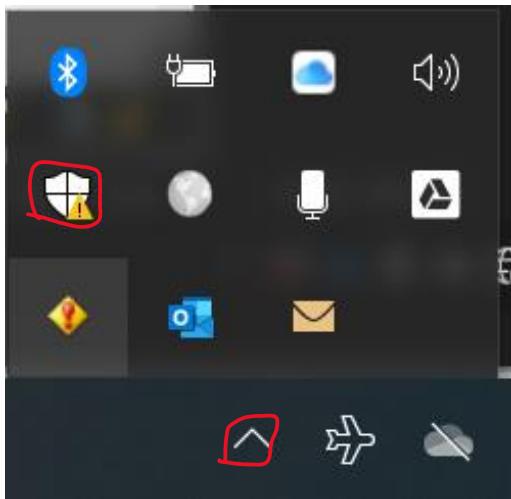


## Checking if Windows Defender is active in Windows 11

## Option 1:

In your System tray click on the ^ to expand the running programs.

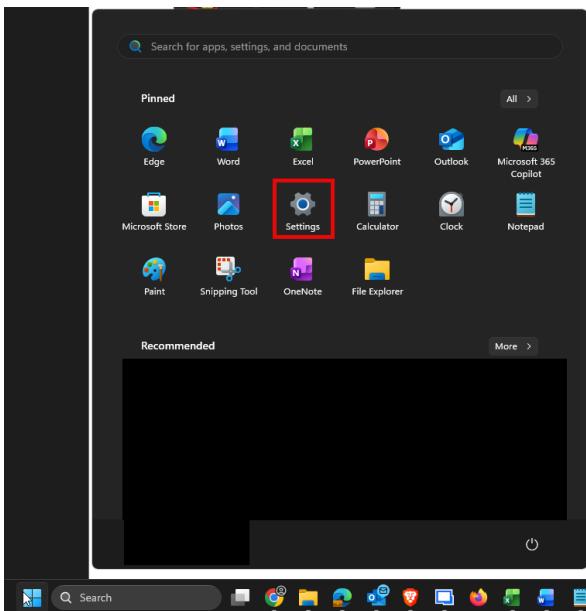
If you see the shield your Windows Defender is running and active.



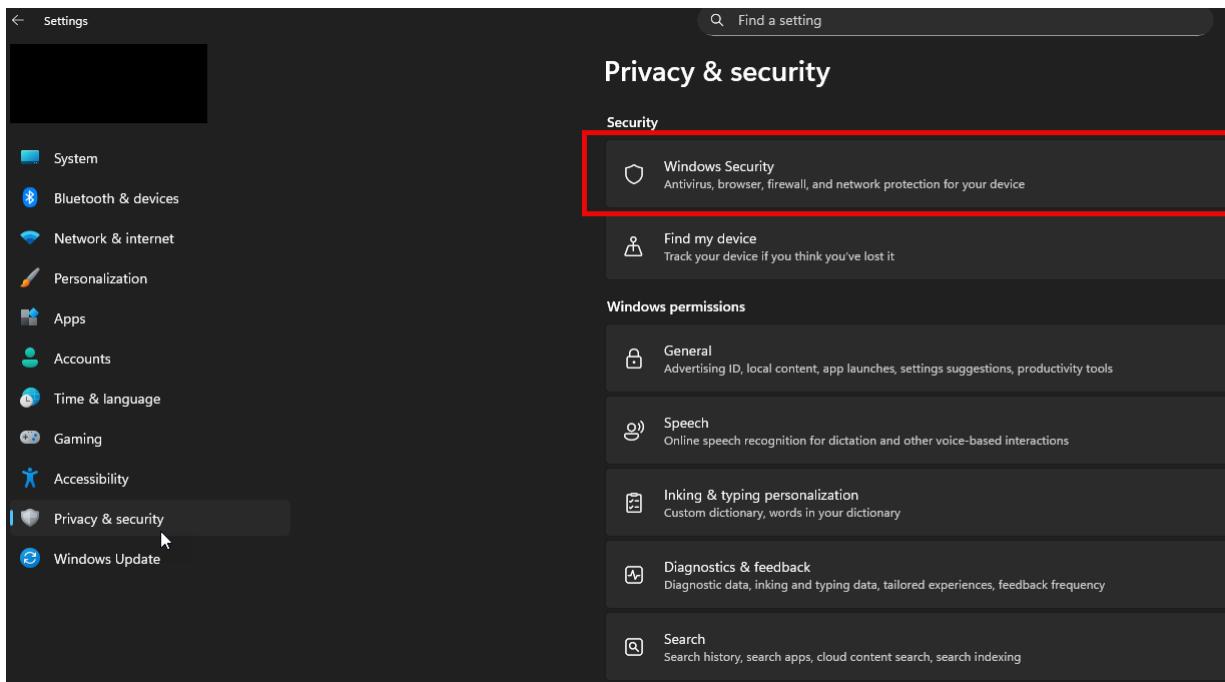
## Option 2:

Go to start (Windows icon) and

select “Settings”



Next, select "Privacy & Security" > "Windows Security"



Look for "Virus & Threat Protection". If it shows "No actions needed." it is enabled.  
If it is not enabled, click on it to open Virus and Threat Protection settings and enable it there.

Privacy & security > Windows Security

Windows Security is your home to view and manage the security and health of your device. [Open Windows Security](#)

**Protection areas**

 Virus & threat protection No actions needed.
 Account protection No actions needed.
 Firewall & network protection No actions needed.
 App & browser control No actions needed.
 Device security No actions needed.
 Device performance & health Reports on the health of your device.
 Family options Manage how your family uses their devices.