

Rule	GUID	Description	Mitigation type	Target ID	Target type	Target name	Target ref	Ref	Advanced hunting action type	Dependencies
Block credential stealing from the Windows local security authority subsystem (lsass.exe)	60c4c11-7560-4729-ba1b-a36f68b402	Extract from previous: credential stealing by locking down Local Security Authority Subsystem Service (LSASS). LSASS authenticates users who sign in on a Windows computer. Microsoft Defender Credential Guard in Windows normally prevents attempts to extract credentials from LSASS. Some organizations can enable Credential Guard on all of their computers because of compatibility issues with custom smart-card drivers or other programs that load into the Local Security Authority (LSA). In these cases, attackers can use tools like Mimikatz to scrape clear-text passwords and NTLM hashes from LSASS. By default, the state of this rule is set to block. In most cases, many processes make calls to LSASS for access rights that are not needed. For example, such as when the initial block from the ASR rule results in a subsequent call for a lesser privilege which subsequently succeeds. For information about the types of rights that are typically requested in process calls to LSASS, see Process Security and Access Rights. Enabling this rule doesn't provide additional protection if you have LSA protection enabled since the ASR rule and LSA protection work similarly. However, when LSA protection cannot be enabled, this rule can be configured to provide equivalent protection against malware that target lsass.exe.	mitigates	11023.001	sub-technique	LSASS Memory	attack-pattern--602208b2-3911-4a68-ba30-2baf7c7e990	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-credential-stealing-from-the-windows-local-security-authority-subsystem	As/LsassCredentialTheftNotAudited As/LsassCredentialTheftBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block execution of potentially obfuscated scripts	6a079fe-1b5a-4056-8010-276d5f304cc	This rule detects suspicious properties within an obfuscated script. Important: PowerShell scripts are now supported for the "Block execution of potentially obfuscated scripts" rule. Script obfuscation is a common technique that both malware authors and legitimate applications use to hide intellectual property or decrease script loading times. Malware authors also use obfuscation to make malicious code harder to read, which hampers close scrutiny by humans and security software.	mitigates	11027.010	sub-technique	Command Obfuscation	attack-pattern--151a10b8-4333-4165-bc95-c343b76d1377	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-execution-of-potentially-obfuscated-scripts	As/ObfuscatedScriptAudited As/ObfuscatedScriptBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, AntiMalware Scan Interface (AMSI)
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Block use of copied or impersonated system tools (preview)	6033c00-0160-4114-a5a0-dc9b3a702cb	This rule blocks the use of executable files that are identified as copies of Windows system tools. These files are either duplicates or impostors of the original system tools. Some malicious programs may try to copy or impersonate Windows system tools to avoid detection or gain privileges. Allowing such executable files can lead to potential attacks. This rule prevents propagation and execution of such duplicates and impostors of the system tools on Windows machines. Note: This capability is currently in preview. Additional upgrades to improve efficacy are under development.	mitigates	11036.003	sub-technique	Rename System Utilities	attack-pattern--b558584-a524-4c29-8c06-971c2650a0db	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-use-of-copied-or-impersonated-system-tools-preview		Microsoft Defender Antivirus
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Block process creations originating from PSExec and WMI commands	01c48ac-8956-4280-506a-993a6f740dc	This rule blocks process creations created through PSExec and WMI from running. Both PSExec and WMI can remotely execute code. There's a risk malware abusing functionality of PSExec and WMI for command and control purposes, or to spread an infection throughout an organization's network. Warning: Only use this rule if you're managing devices with Intune or another HDM solution. This rule is incompatible with management through Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager because this rule blocks WMI commands the Configuration Manager client uses to function correctly.	mitigates	11047	technique	Windows Management Instrumentation	attack-pattern--01a5b209-594c-465b-67b6-94a6f091005	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-process-creations-originating-from-psexec-and-wmi-commands	As/ProcessWmiChildProcessAudited As/ProcessWmiChildProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block Office applications from injecting code into other processes	75608fc-1739c-42c0-8060-3fc5c357c84	This rule blocks code injection attempts from Office apps into other processes. Note: The Block applications from injecting code into other processors ASR rule does not support WAFN mode. Important: This rule requires restarting Microsoft 365 Apps (Office applications) for the configuration changes to take effect. Attackers might attempt to use Office apps to migrate malicious code into other processes through code injection, so the code can masquerade as a clean process. There are no known legitimate business purposes for using code injection. This rule applies to Word, Excel, OneNote, and PowerPoint.	mitigates	11055	technique	Process Injection	attack-pattern--05247c91-05d2-474c-03ac-2ed4e10114d	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-office-applications-from-injecting-code-into-other-processes	As/OfficeProcessInjectAudited As/OfficeProcessInjectBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block JavaScript or VBScript from launching downloaded executable content	43a037e1-368b-44c8-a917-57627947986d	This rule prevents scripts from launching potentially malicious downloaded content. Malware written in JavaScript or VBScript often acts as a downloader to fetch and launch other malware from the Internet. Although not common, line-of-business applications sometimes use scripts to download and launch installers.	mitigates	11059.005	sub-technique	Visual Basic	attack-pattern--d87c71d-e1b8-4394-a198-97c4c8baa67	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-javascript-or-vbscript-from-launching-downloaded-executable-content	As/ScriptExecutableDownloadAudited As/ScriptExecutableDownloadBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, AMSI
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Block abuse of exploited vulnerable signed drivers	5c48593c-875e-4185-9807-08b2c648dc0c	This rule prevents an application from writing to a vulnerable signed driver to disk. In the wild, vulnerable signed drivers can be exploited by local applications—that have sufficient privileges—to gain access to the kernel. Vulnerable signed drivers enable attackers to disable or circumvent security solutions, evade load/unload system compromise. The Block abuse of exploited vulnerable signed drivers rule doesn't block a driver already existing on the system from being loaded.	mitigates	11068	technique	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	attack-pattern--321c3203-02b6-4601-988b-e6905-1040839	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-abuse-of-exploited-vulnerable-signed-drivers	As/VulnerableSignedDriverAudited As/VulnerableSignedDriverBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block untrusted and unsigned processes that run from USB	32a303c-6a95-47f6-a9c7-1c7af74a9ba4	With this rule, admins can prevent unsigned or untrusted executable files from running from USB removable drives, including SD cards. Blocked file types include executable files (such as .exe, .dll, or .acx). Important: Files copied from the USB to the disk drive will be blocked by this rule if and when it's about to be executed on the disk drive.	mitigates	11091	technique	Replication through Removable Media	attack-pattern--37a4087-9945-4a9f-91d5-8b0c4d1724	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-untrusted-and-unsigned-processes-that-run-from-usb	As/UntrustedAppProcessAudited As/UntrustedAppProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block Win32 API calls from Office macros	02c670f-2e0f-4476-b06b-9d0094d0c7b	This rule prevents VBA macros from calling Win32 APIs. Office VBA enables Win32 API calls. Malware can abuse this capability, such as calling Win32 APIs to launch malicious shellcode without writing anything directly to disk. Most organizations don't rely on the ability to call Win32 APIs in their day-to-day functioning, even if they use macros in other ways.	mitigates	11106	technique	Native API	attack-pattern--301824f0-f0f1-4730-b0bc-c19a79e27670	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-win32-api-calls-from-office-macros	As/OfficeMacroWin32ApiCallsAudited As/OfficeMacroWin32ApiCallsBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, AMSI
Block Office application from creating child processes	44940ab-401b-404c-aadc-ad9fc10688a	This rule blocks Office apps from creating child processes. Office apps include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and Access. Creating malicious child processes is a common malware strategy. Malware that abuses Office as a vector often runs VBA macros and exploit code to download and attempt to run more payloads. However, some legitimate line-of-business applications might also generate child processes for benign purposes, such as spawning a command prompt or using PowerShell to configure registry settings.	mitigates	11137	technique	Office Application Startup	attack-pattern--2c44a662-0c31-4a97-064c-8660c08b0d3	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-all-office-applications-from-creating-child-processes	As/OfficeChildProcessAudited As/OfficeChildProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
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Block Office communication application from creating child processes	3619089-1602-4948-8b27-4b1da1c1c869	This rule prevents Outlook from creating child processes, while still allowing legitimate Outlook functions. This rule protects against social engineering attacks and prevents exploiting code from abusing vulnerabilities in Outlook. It also protects against Outlook rules and forms exploits that attackers can use when a user's credentials are compromised. Note: This rule blocks DLP policy tips and ToolTips in Outlook. This rule applies to Outlook and Outlook.com only.	mitigates	11137.006	sub-technique	Add-ins	attack-pattern--34f1081d-f8b8-46b7-bdb3-01645302056	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-all-office-applications-from-creating-child-processes	As/OfficeChildProcessAudited As/OfficeChildProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block Office application from creating executable content	30370666-a4cc-4029-8536-380a779e0b99	This rule prevents Office apps, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, from creating potentially malicious executable content, by blocking malicious code from being written to disk. Malware that abuses Office as a vector might attempt to break out of Office and save malicious components to disk. These malicious components would survive a computer reboot and persist on the system. Therefore, this rule defends against a common persistence technique. This rule also blocks execution of untrusted files that may have been saved by Office macros that are allowed to run in Office files.	mitigates	11137.006	sub-technique	Add-ins	attack-pattern--34f1081d-f8b8-46b7-bdb3-01645302056	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-all-office-applications-from-creating-executable-content	As/ExecutableOfficeContentAudited As/ExecutableOfficeContentBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, RPC
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Block executable files from running unless they meet a prevalence, age, or trusted list criteria	11443614-cd74-433a-b99e-2e0cd07bc25	This rule blocks executable files, such as .exe, .dll, or .scr, from launching. Thus, launching untrusted or unknown executable files can be risky, as it might not be initially clear if the files are malicious. Important: You must enable cloud-delivered protection to use this rule. The rule blocks executable files from running unless they meet a prevalence, age, or trusted list criterion with GUID 01443614-cd74-433a-b99e-2e0cd07bc25 is owned by Microsoft and is not specified by admins. This rule uses cloud-delivered protection to update its trusted list regularly. You can specify individual files or folders (using folder paths or fully qualified resource names) but you can't specify which rules or exclusions apply to.	mitigates	11204	technique	User Execution	attack-pattern--8c32eb45-809f-4fc5-9860-e04b76c131b5	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-executable-files-from-running-unless-they-meet-a-prevalence-age-or-trusted-list-criteria	AsUntrustedExecutableAudited AsUntrustedExecutableBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, Cloud Protection
Block Adobe Reader from creating child processes	7674ba50-376b-4a4f-a9d1-f09a1618a2c	This rule prevents attacks by blocking Adobe Reader from creating processes. Malware can download and launch payloads and break out of Adobe Reader through social engineering or exploits. By blocking child processes from being generated by Adobe Reader, malware attempting to use Adobe Reader as an attack vector are prevented from executing.	mitigates	11204.002	sub-technique	Malicious File	attack-pattern--232b7211-a9b9-4b42-b936-b9d9f7b956e	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-adobe-reader-from-creating-child-processes	AsAdobeReaderChildProcessAudited AsAdobeReaderChildProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block Office application from creating child processes	44b940ab-401e-4d6c-aadc-a8f9c15088ba	This rule blocks Office apps from creating child processes. Office apps include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and Access. Creating malicious child processes is a common malware strategy. Malware that abuses Office as a vector often runs VBA macros and injects code to download and attempt to run more payloads. However, some legitimate line-of-business applications might also generate child processes for benign purposes, such as spawning a command prompt or using PowerShell to configure registry settings.	mitigates	11204.002	sub-technique	Malicious File	attack-pattern--232b7211-a9b9-4b42-b936-b9d9f7b956e	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-all-office-applications-from-creating-child-processes	AsOfficeChildProcessAudited AsOfficeChildProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block executable content from email client and webmail	6e9ba2b9-53ba-4c0c-84c5-961eeea46050	This rule blocks email opened within the Microsoft Outlook application, or Outlook.com and other popular webmail providers from propagating the following file types: Executable files (such as .exe, .dll, or .scr) Script files (such as a PowerShell .ps1, Visual Basic .vb, or JavaScript .js file)	mitigates	11204.002	sub-technique	Malicious File	attack-pattern--232b7211-a9b9-4b42-b936-b9d9f7b956e	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-executable-content-from-email-client-and-webmail	AsExecutableEmailContentAudited AsExecutableEmailContentBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Use advanced protection against ransomware	c1d855ab-c21a-4637-b03f-a125681185d5	This rule provides an extra layer of protection against ransomware. It uses both client and cloud heuristics to determine whether a file resembles ransomware. This rule doesn't block files that have one or more of the following characteristics: The file has already been found to be unharmed in the Microsoft cloud. The file is a valid signed file. The file is prevalent enough to not be considered as ransomware. The rule tends to err on the side of caution to prevent ransomware. Note: You must enable cloud-delivered protection to use this rule.	mitigates	11486	technique	Data Encrypted for Impact	attack-pattern--b6d0107d-fd5d-4b60-9684-b043b48bd0a0	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#use-advanced-protection-against-ransomware	AsRansomwareAudited AsRansomwareBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, Cloud Protection
Block Webshell creation for Servers	a8f889e-1dc8-48a9-9878-85004b0e14e	This rule blocks web shell script creation on Microsoft Server, Exchange Role. A web shell script is a specifically crafted script that allows an attacker to control the compromised server. A web shell may include functionalities such as receiving and executing malicious commands, downloading and executing malicious files, sharing and uploading credentials and sensitive information, identifying potential targets etc.	mitigates	11905.003	sub-technique	Web Shell	attack-pattern--5d013609-d064-4b61-0bc9-b5440c618c9	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-webshell-creation-for-servers		Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block abuse of exploited vulnerable signed drivers	9a463a9-875a-4185-9ba7-d882c045c15	This rule prevents an application from writing a vulnerable signed driver to disk. In the wild, vulnerable signed drivers can be exploited by local applications, that have sufficient privileges, to gain access to the kernel. Vulnerable signed drivers enable attackers to disable or circumvent security solutions, eventually leading to system compromise. The Block abuse of exploited vulnerable signed drivers rule doesn't block a driver already existing on the system from being loaded.	mitigates	11543	technique	Create or Modify System Process	attack-pattern--106c3c9f-bf73-4601-9a4b-8945c2715ec5	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-abuse-of-exploited-vulnerable-signed-drivers	AsVulnerableSignedDriverAudited AsVulnerableSignedDriverBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block abuse of exploited vulnerable signed drivers	6a463a9-875a-4185-9ba7-d882c046dc45	This rule prevents an application from writing a vulnerable signed driver to disk. In the wild, vulnerable signed drivers can be exploited by local applications, that have sufficient privileges, to gain access to the kernel. Vulnerable signed drivers enable attackers to disable or circumvent security solutions, eventually leading to system compromise. The Block abuse of exploited vulnerable signed drivers rule doesn't block a driver already existing on the system from being loaded.	mitigates	11543.003	sub-technique	Windows Service	attack-pattern--2959d63f-738f-46a1-abd2-109f7c0de32	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-abuse-of-exploited-vulnerable-signed-drivers	AsVulnerableSignedDriverAudited AsVulnerableSignedDriverBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block persistence through WMI event subscription	d6d77f5-3d72-4c11-b95a-636979351e5b	This rule prevents malware from abusing WMI to attain persistence on a device. Important: File and folder exclusions don't apply to this attack surface reduction rule. Policies threats employ various tactics to stay hidden, to avoid being seen in the file system, and to gain periodic execution control. Some threats can abuse the WMI repository and event model to stay hidden. Note: If ConfExe.exe (SCCM Agent) is detected on the device, the ASR rule is classified as "not applicable" in Defender for Endpoint settings in the Microsoft Defender portal.	mitigates	11546.003	sub-technique	Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription	attack-pattern--910906d5-8c0a-475a-9cc1-b6c29b2d058	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-persistence-through-wmi-event-subscription	AsPersistenceThroughWmiAudited AsPersistenceThroughWmiBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus, RPC
Block rebooting machine in Safe Mode (preview)	336ed1ff-cd60-47cb-833e-d60133960387	This rule prevents the execution of commands to restart machines in Safe Mode. Safe Mode is a diagnostic mode that only loads the essential files and drivers needed for Windows to run. However, in Safe Mode, many security products are either disabled or operate in a limited capacity, which allows attackers to further launch tampering commands, or simply execute and encrypt all files on the machine. This rule blocks such attacks by preventing processes from restarting machines in Safe Mode.	mitigates	11562.009	sub-technique	Safe Mode Boot	attack-pattern--28170e17-8394-4161-8486-b6b2943c8803	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-rebooting-machine-in-safe-mode-preview		Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Block process creations originating from PsExec and WMI commands	d1e48bac-8f56-4280-df8a-993d6f77406c	This rule blocks processes created through PsExec and WMI from running. Both PsExec and WMI can remotely execute code. There's a risk of malware abusing functionality of PsExec and WMI for command and control purposes, or to spread an infection throughout an organization's network. Warning: Only use this rule if you're managing your devices with Intune or another MDM solution. This rule is incompatible with management through Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager because this rule blocks WMI commands the Configuration Manager client uses to function correctly.	mitigates	11968.002	sub-technique	Service Execution	attack-pattern--1f951eba-900a-4a26-8803-76d95c4054b4	https://team.microsoft.com/en-us/defender-endpoint/attack-surface-reduction-rules-reference#block-process-creations-originating-from-psexec-and-wmi-commands	AsPsexecWmiChildProcessAudited AsPsexecWmiChildProcessBlocked	Microsoft Defender Antivirus
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