

**Purpose:**

To explain the use of Microsoft Entra Security Defaults as a simplified security baseline when full Conditional Access is unavailable.

**Structure & Content****Title:**

**Enabling Microsoft Entra Security Defaults**

**Objective:**

To enable built-in security defaults in the Microsoft Entra tenant

**Background:**

Security Defaults provide a lightweight, automatic way to enable key protections without manually configuring Conditional Access policies.

They enforce:

- MFA for all users
- Blocking of legacy (non-modern) authentication protocols
- Protection of privileged actions and admin accounts

**Implementation Steps:**

1. Navigate to <https://entra.microsoft.com> → **Identity** → **Properties**
2. Scroll to **Manage Security Defaults**
3. Set **Enable Security Defaults** → **Yes**
4. Click **Save**

**Verification:**

After enabling Security Defaults:

- Users are prompted for MFA at login
- Legacy authentication attempts are blocked

**Screenshot References:**

- security\_defaults\_enabled.png

- **Outcome:**

Security Defaults were enabled successfully, demonstrating practical configuration of identity-based protections in an M365 environment.