

firewall does. Still, the built-in firewall is suitable for home networks or very small office networks.

Here are the steps that activate the built-in firewall in Windows:

1. **Open the Control Panel.**
2. **Click the System and Security link.**
The System and Security page appears.
3. **Click the Windows Firewall link.**
The Windows Firewall page appears.
4. **Click the Turn Windows Firewall On or Off link.**
The page shown in Figure 9-2 appears.

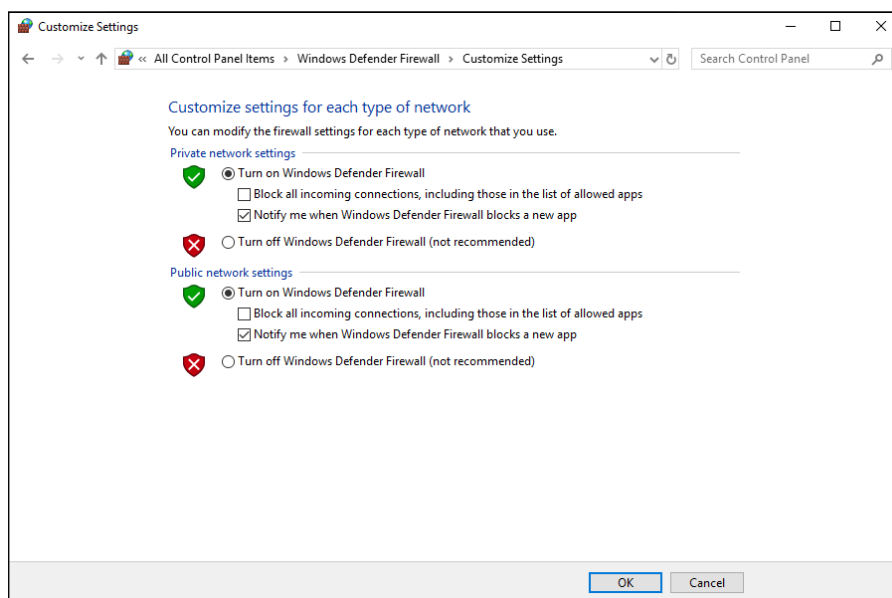


FIGURE 9-2:
Activating the
Windows firewall.

5. **Select the Turn on Windows Firewall option.**

Note that you can independently turn the firewall on or off for public network — that is, for your connection to the Internet — and for your home or work network — that is, if you have a network that connects other computers in your home or office. I recommend you either turn the firewall on for both or turn it