

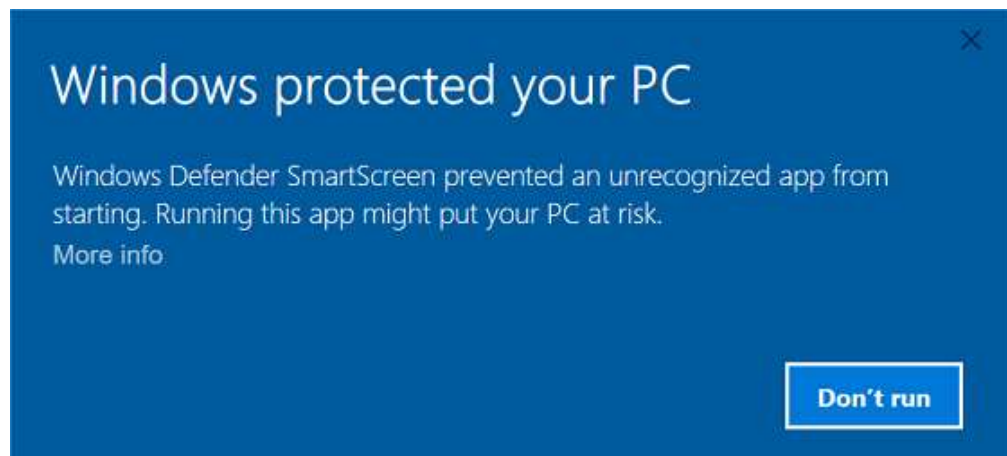
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## What is SmartScreen?

SmartScreen is a security feature built into Windows 10, specifically the Windows Defender tool.

Each time an application is ran Windows 10 will check if it is a “good” application against their catalog of applications.

It's a good security measure and is particular helpful at stopping malware spreading through email attachments – where some users do not understand the difference between a legitimate document and an application.

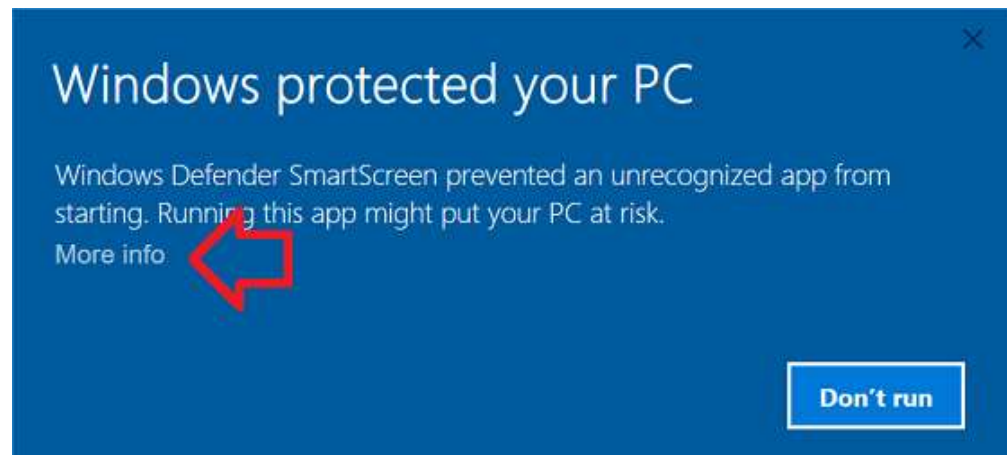
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Either it's a known bad or unknown application.

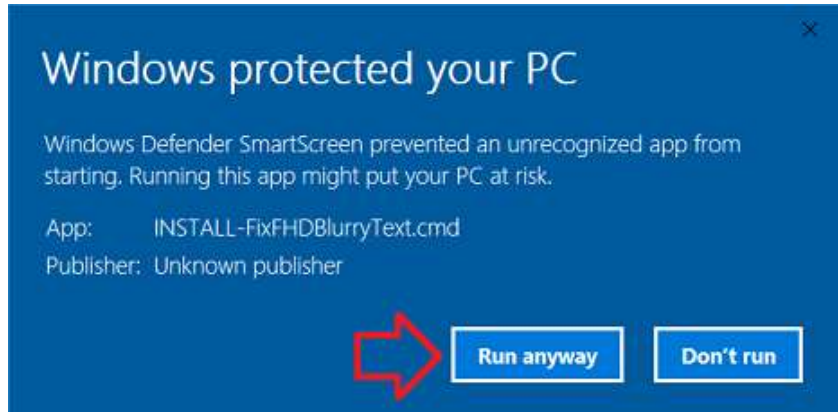
Sometimes SmartScreen will prevent applications you know are not bad – for example, it's a CMD or VBS script you wrote, or a program from a trusted source.

## How do I run an application SmartScreen has prevented?

If you're **absolutely sure you can trust the application** you can run it by clicking on the '**More info**' link and then click the '**Run anyway**' button.



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## How do I completely disable Window Defender SmartScreen?

This is **NOT** recommended.

1. In the taskbar, search for **“Windows Defender”** and click on it when it appears in the search results

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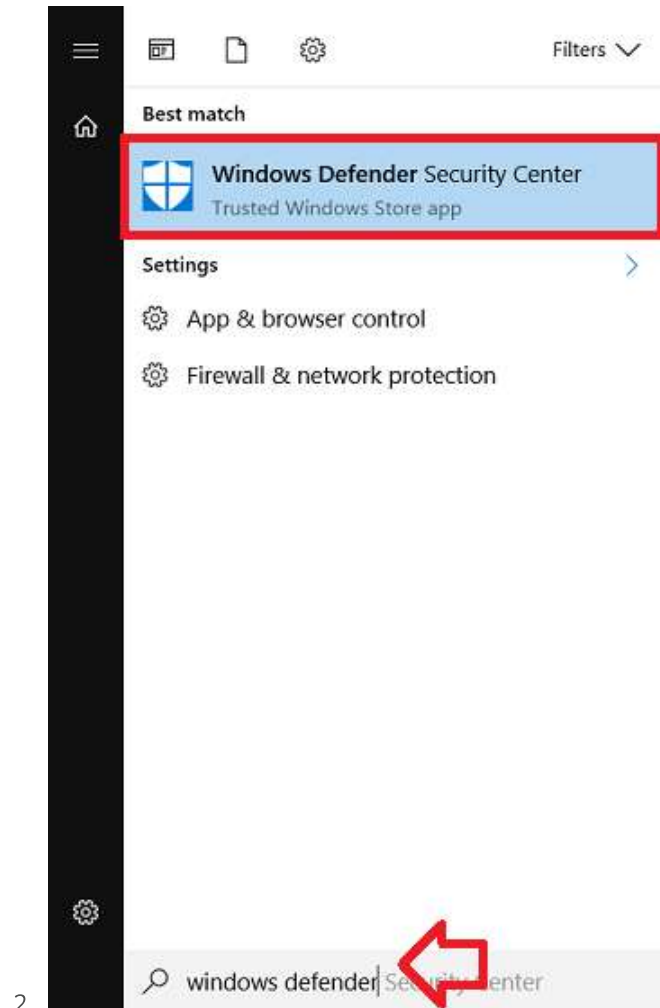
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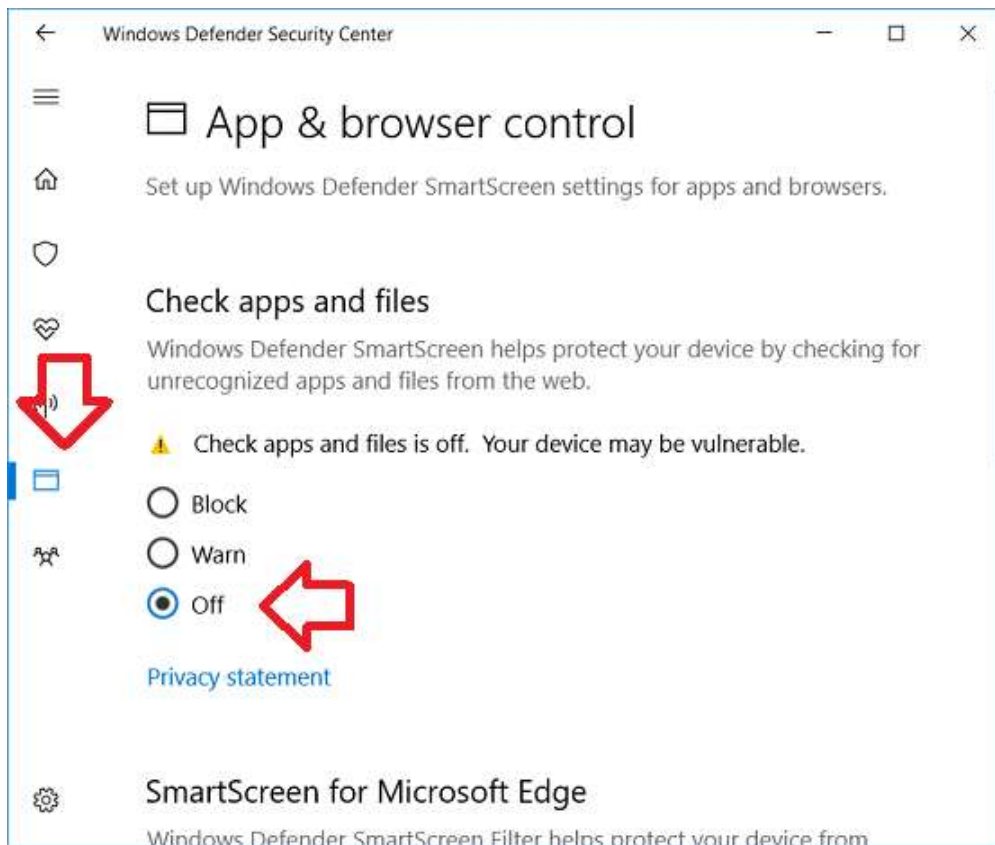


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3. In the left hand menu, click on the **'App & browser control'** icon
4. Under **'Check apps and files'** select **'Off'**

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6. Click 'OK' when prompted to apply the changes.

## What are the privacy implications?

Much like anything in the Windows 10 environment – privacy is ... secretive which means it's lacking.

Microsoft have said that they are not keeping personally identifiable information such as your IP address – but they do collect it when communicating with their online system.

Personally, I think the benefits of SmartScreen out way the privacy implications – and even if you were to disable it, Windows 10 is like a leaking sieve when it comes to privacy. If privacy were a concern I would consider an alternative operating system.

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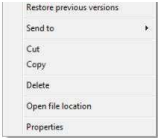
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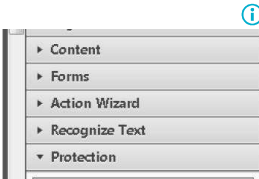
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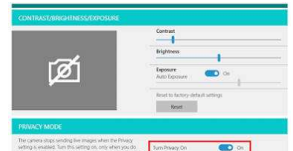
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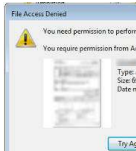
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