

# Windows 10 Security Checklist (For Students)

Follow these simple steps to stay safe while using Windows 10, even after support ends:

- Keep Windows and your browser updated while updates are available.
- Use Microsoft Defender (built-in) with real-time protection ON.
- Enable Windows Firewall (Settings → Update & Security → Windows Security).
- Use strong, unique passwords + a password manager.
- Turn on 2FA (two-factor authentication) for email, school, and banking accounts.
- Avoid installing cracked software or suspicious torrents.
- Be careful with email attachments and links.
- Backup important files regularly (USB drive or cloud).
- Avoid public Wi-Fi for sensitive tasks (or use hotspot/VPN).
- Use a standard (non-admin) account for everyday work.
- Review installed apps/extensions regularly and remove anything suspicious.

■ *Tip: If you want extra safety, consider trying Linux (Ubuntu/Mint) for browsing and school work.*