

Security tips for working from home

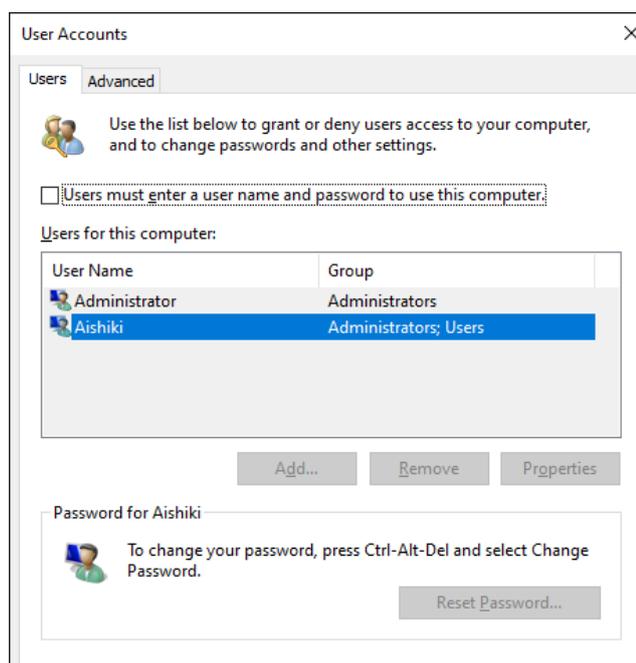
Social distancing is one of the key ways of limiting the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This prompts various organisations to request their staff to work from home. However, the onrush to remote working may create additional cybersecurity threats. To overcome those additional cybersecurity threats please follow guidelines mentioned below.

1. Create a local user account

- Select the **Start** button, select **Settings** > **Accounts** and then select **Family & other users**. (In some editions of Windows you'll see **Other users**.)
- Select **Add someone else to this PC**.
- Select **I don't have this person's sign-in information**, and on the next page, select **Add a user without a Microsoft account**.
- Enter a user name, password, password hint or choose security questions, and then select **Next**.

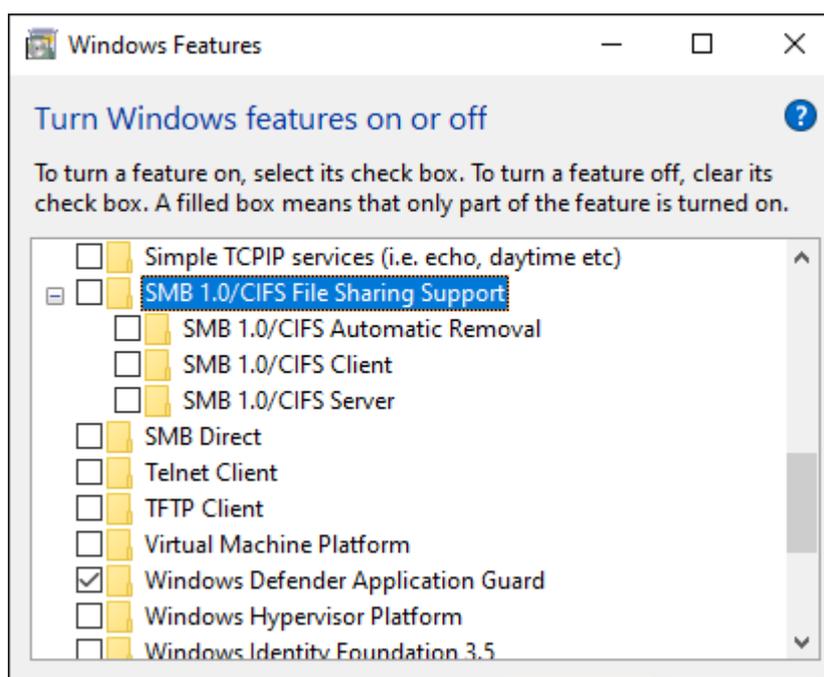
2. Disable Automatic Login:

- Press **Win+R**, enter “**netplwiz**“, which will open the “**User Accounts**” window. Netplwiz is a Windows utility tool for managing user accounts.
- Check the option for “**Users must enter a username and password to use this computer**” and click **Apply**.
- That's it. **Restart** your computer and the system will prompt you to enter your password at the login screen.



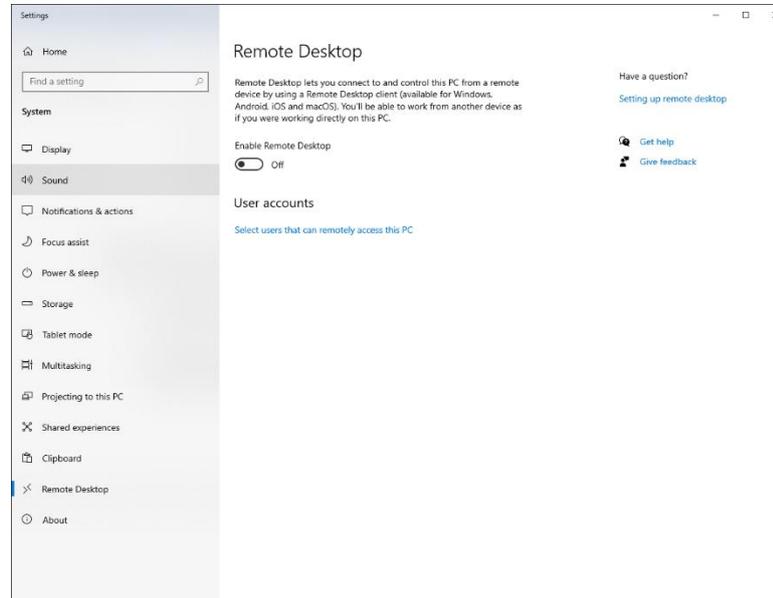
3. Disabling SMB On Windows 10: Windows Features Method

- Go to the “Control Panel”
- Select “Programs”
- Select “Programs and Features”
- Click on “Turn Windows features on or off” on the left panel
- “Windows features” window will appear
- Scroll down and uncheck both “SMB 1.0/CIFS File Sharing Support” & “SMB Direct”
- Click “Ok”



4. Disabling Remote Access in Windows 10

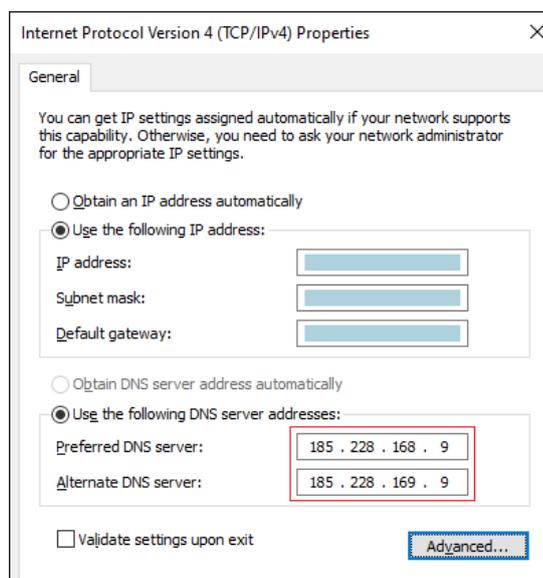
- **Type “remote desktop settings” in the “Cortana search box”.** Select “Allow remote access to your computer”. This may seem counter-intuitive, but this opens the Control panel dialog for Remote System Properties.
- **Toggle “Enable Remote Desktop” switch to Off position.** You've now disabled remote access to your computer.



5. Using DNS Based Content Filtering Security Filter

This blocks access to phishing, malware and malicious domains. It does not block adult contents.

- **IPv4 address:** 185.228.168.9 and 185.228.169.9
- **IPv6 address:** 2a0d:2a00:1::2 and 2a0d:2a00:2::2



6. Protect your device with Windows Security

If you have Windows 10, you'll get the latest antivirus protection with Windows Security. When you run Windows 10 for the first time, Windows Security gets on and actively helps to protect your PC by scanning for malware (malicious software), viruses, and security threats. Windows Security provides real-time protection by scanning everything you download or run on your PC.

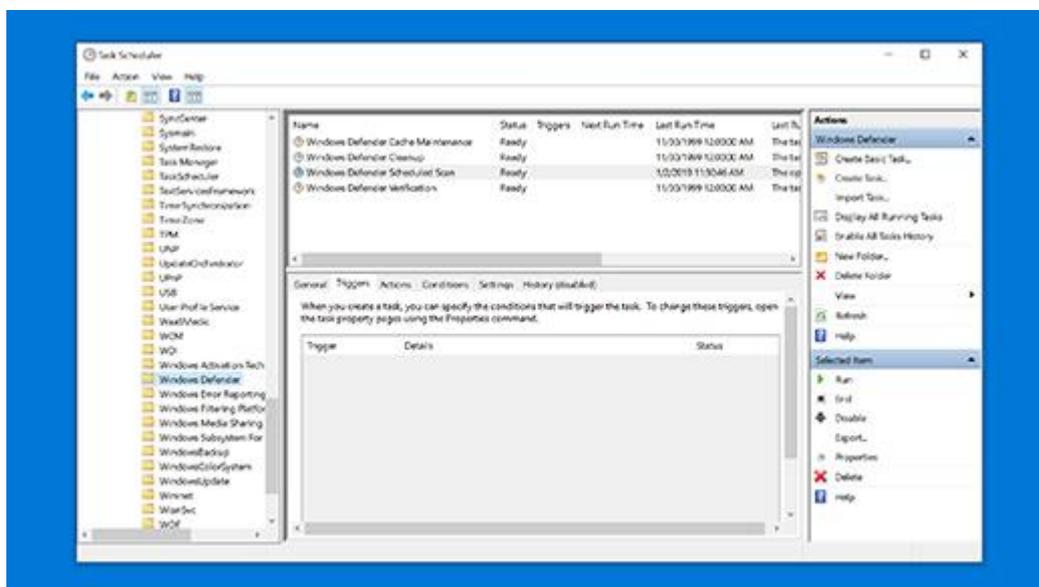
Windows Update downloads updates for Windows Security automatically to help keep your PC safe and protect it from threats.

If you have an earlier version of Windows and are using Microsoft Security Essentials, it is a good idea to move to Windows Security.

Schedule a scan in Windows Security

Windows Security regularly scans your PC to help keep it safe. If you want to set your own scan schedule:

1. In the search box on the taskbar, type **Task Scheduler** and then select **Task Scheduler** in the list of results.
2. In the left pane of Task Scheduler, expand **Task Scheduler Library > Microsoft > Windows** and then scroll down and double-click the **Windows Defender** folder.
3. In the top-center pane, double-click **Windows Defender Scheduled Scan**.
4. Select the **Triggers** tab, and then select **New**.
5. Set your time and frequency, and then select **OK**.



Turn Windows Security real-time protection on or off

- Select the **Start** button, then select **Settings** > **Update & Security** > **Windows Security** > **Virus & threat protection**.
- **Do one of the following:**
- In the current version of Windows 10: Under **Virus & threat protection settings**, select **Manage settings**, and then switch the **Real-time protection** setting to **On** or **Off**.
- In previous versions of Windows 10: Select **Virus & threat protection settings**, and then switch the **Real-time protection** setting to **On** or **Off**.

