Enabling Firewall and Automatic Updates
Mac OSX

Besides running an up-to-date anti-virus application, the 24/7 IT Support Center recommends two additional steps to secure your computer: enabling the Firewall and Automatic Updates. The following steps will show you how to make sure that these features are enabled, and if they’re not, how to turn them on.

1. Open the system preferences window by clicking on the Apple and then System Preferences.

2. Under System Preferences > System > click Software Update.
3. In the **Software Update** window, make sure that **Check for updates** and **Download important updates in the background** are checked.

![Software Update window with options checked]

4. Return to the **System Preferences** window by clicking on the back arrow.

![System Preferences window after making changes]
5. At the **System Preferences** window under **Internet & Network** click on **Sharing**.

![System Preferences window](image1)

6. Click on **Firewall** in the **Sharing** window.

![Sharing window with Firewall highlighted](image2)
7. On the **Firewall** screen, click **Start** if it is there. If start is not there, your firewall is already turned on; go to step 8.

8. Close the **Sharing** window. You have now secured your Mac.

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