Enabling Firewall and Automatic Updates
Windows Vista

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 Start orb and click on Control Panel.

   ![Control Panel](image1)

2. Under Security click Check this computer’s security status.

   ![Check Security Status](image2)
3. Make sure the lights next to **Firewall** and **Automatic Updating** are green and say **On**. If so, then they’re already enabled and you can close the window. If not, please continue (Step 4 – Firewall, Step 5 – Automatic Updating).

**NOTE:** If the indicator for **Malware Protection** says **OFF** please see **Installing & Configuring Sophos Anti-Virus**.

4. If the firewall is turned off, click **Turn on Now** … and then **Continue** when the **User Account Control** (UAC) dialog box appears.

5. If Automatic Updating is turned off click **Change settings** under **Automatic updating**.
6. Select **Install updates automatically (recommended)**.

![Choose an automatic updating option](image)

7. Click **Continue** when the UAC dialog box appears.

![User Account Control](image)

Your computer is now secure. If you have any questions or if one or both are still red and **Off** please contact:

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