Enabling Firewall and Automatic Updates
Windows XP

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 Start and click on Control Panel.

2. Under Control Panel click Security Center

**NOTE:** If your Control Panel does not have a Security Center icon you will need to install some Windows Updates before proceeding. If your Control Panel does have the Security Center icon, but you are unable to open Security Center you may have additional security software installed that is overriding Windows. Please contact the 24/7 IT Support Center in either case for assistance.
3. In the Security Center window make sure that the indicators next to Firewall and Automatic Updates indicate ON. If they do indicate ON you are protected and can close the Security Center window; if not, then proceed to the next step (Step 4 for Firewall or Step 6 for Automatic Updates).

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

4. If the firewall is turned off, click on the Windows Firewall icon at the bottom of the Security Center window.
5. In the **Windows Firewall** window, click the circle next to **On (recommended)**, then close the window by clicking **OK**.

6. If the **Automatic Updates** are turned off, click on the **Automatic Updates** icon at the bottom of the **Security Center** window.
7. In the **Automatic Updates** window click the circle next to **Automatic (recommended)**, and then close the window by clicking **OK**.

![Automatic Updates window](image)

Your computer is now secure.

If you need assistance, contact:

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