

Computing Tip

Why Keeping Your Operating System Updated Matters

Outdated operating systems are more than just slow—they're risky. Without regular updates, your system becomes more vulnerable to malware, ransomware, and compatibility issues.

Modern updates don't just patch security holes—they also improve performance, stability, and connectivity with new software and devices.

Still unsure why updates are so critical?

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This Issue

🛡️ Windows 10 End of Life

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Windows 10 Is Retiring – Stay Secure Until You Upgrade

Support Ends October 14, 2025

Microsoft is ending support for **Windows 10**, which means no more security updates, patches, or technical support. That makes devices running Windows 10 increasingly vulnerable.

Here's how to stay protected while you're still using Windows 10:

1. Use Updated Antivirus Software

Run frequent scans and check for real-time protection.

2. Keep Software and Apps Updated

Third-party programs can be security risks if outdated.

3. Be Wary of Phishing Emails

Avoid clicking unknown links or downloading suspicious attachments.

4. Enable Windows Firewall and SmartScreen

These are built-in defenses—make sure they're turned on.

5. Back Up Your Files

Use cloud services or an external drive to ensure your data is safe.

6. Use Strong Passwords and Two-Factor Authentication

Secure all your logins to minimize breach risks.

The closer we get to the October 2025 deadline, the greater the risk of system vulnerability. Practicing these safety steps now will help keep your PC secure until you're ready to upgrade.

Did You Know?

📅 Windows 10 was released in July 2015

It was introduced as “the last version of Windows”—until Windows 11 came out in 2021!

👥 Over 1.4 billion devices use Windows 10

That's a massive number of computers that will need to upgrade before October 2025.

🔑 The Windows key was first introduced in 1994

Originally created for Windows 95, it's still one of the most useful keys for shortcuts today.

📧 Most malware enters through email

Phishing remains the #1 way cybercriminals trick people into downloading dangerous software.

☁️ Cloud backups are safer than USB drives

While USBs can get lost or damaged, cloud services like OneDrive or Google Drive protect your files offsite.

⌨️ CTRL + Shift + ESC

This shortcut opens Task Manager instantly—useful for closing frozen programs.

✳️ Microsoft releases security updates on the second Tuesday of each month

It's called “Patch Tuesday.” Don't ignore those updates!

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