This article will give you an overview of what a firewall is, how it works, and will provide instructions on how to ensure your firewall(s) are enabled.

**Faculty & Staff:** For Wharton-imaged or Wharton-provided devices, you may not be able to change Firewall settings. For additional questions or requests, please reach out to your IT support representative.

### What is a firewall?

1. A firewall is a network security system that establishes a barrier between a trusted, secure internal network and another network that may not be secure.
2. Additionally, a firewall can help prevent hackers or malicious software from gaining access to your computer through a network or the Internet. A firewall can also help stop your computer from sending malicious software to other computers.

### Enable/Disable Firewall

**Warning:** Only turn off your Firewall if you are installing a separate antivirus software that includes a firewall and active defender.

**Windows**

Follow Microsoft’s directions on how to turn your Firewall on or off.

**MacOS**

Follow Apple’s directions on how to turn your Firewall on or off.

**Allow Trusted Applications**

You can allow applications you trust. Only choose this option for applications you know are safe.
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