

Family multi-device antivirus checklist

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Count devices first. Confirm the plan limit and which tools run on each OS. Each Windows PC can stay on Microsoft Defender. A family license is optional.

1. Write every device that goes online. Cross off work laptops with MDM and school Chromebooks you cannot administer.
2. Get consent before loading software on a teen's personal phone.
3. Create the parent account with a unique password and two-factor authentication.
4. Install on the noisiest Windows PC first. If it becomes unusable, stop before you touch the rest.
5. Turn on only the parental-control features you explained at the dinner table.
6. Run data-broker cleanup only for the adults who want it. Check a people-search site a month later.
7. Calendar the renewal. If the family only used the Windows scanner, Defender plus Family Link or Screen Time may be enough next year.

School-issued Chromebooks usually already have a district stack. 'Unlimited devices' does not install on a managed ChromeOS image.

Confirm device limit, parental-control platforms, cleanup scope, and refund terms at checkout. If a household number was exposed, start at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov).

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