If you don’t have a Fresno State provided laptop, you’ll need to take extra steps to make sure your work stays secure. **Follow the suggested security guidelines below.**

### Windows | Mac

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| **Apply Updates** – Enable automatic updates on your computer and web browser to keep your system secure and up-to-date: | **Keep your PC up-to-date**  
**Keep your Mac up-to-date**  
**Web browser:** Chrome  
If web browser is not Safari: Chrome |
| **Prevent unauthorized access** – These simple tools are easy to set up and protect your computer from viruses, malware, and other unauthorized access: | **Open Windows Security**  
(Start >Settings >Update & Security >Windows Security)  
**Enable Windows Defender and Application Firewall**  
- Install anti-virus software  
  i.e. Sophos  
- Enable application firewall  
  (System Preferences >Security (& Privacy)> Firewall)>"Turn on Firewall" or “Start”) |

### Important

| Use strong passwords: Follow our guidance to create a strong password for your computer. | Use strong passwords: Follow our guidance to create a strong password for your computer. |
| Encrypt your hard drive: Home versions of Windows do not offer hard disk encryption. If you have a professional version of Windows, encryption is provided with Bitlocker. You can configure it by going to Control Panel>System and Security > Bitlocker Driver Encryption. | Encrypt your hard drive: FileVault provides encryption for MacOS. To enable it, choose Apple menu > System Preferences > Security & Privacy. Click the FileVault tab and then Turn On FileVault. |
| Lock your screen: Lock your screen by pressing Windows Key + L or Ctrl+Alt+Delete and choosing Lock | Lock your screen: From the Apple menu choose Lock Screen or press Command+Control+Q |