WINDOWS HARDENING GUIDE

A GUIDE FOR DESKTOP USERS

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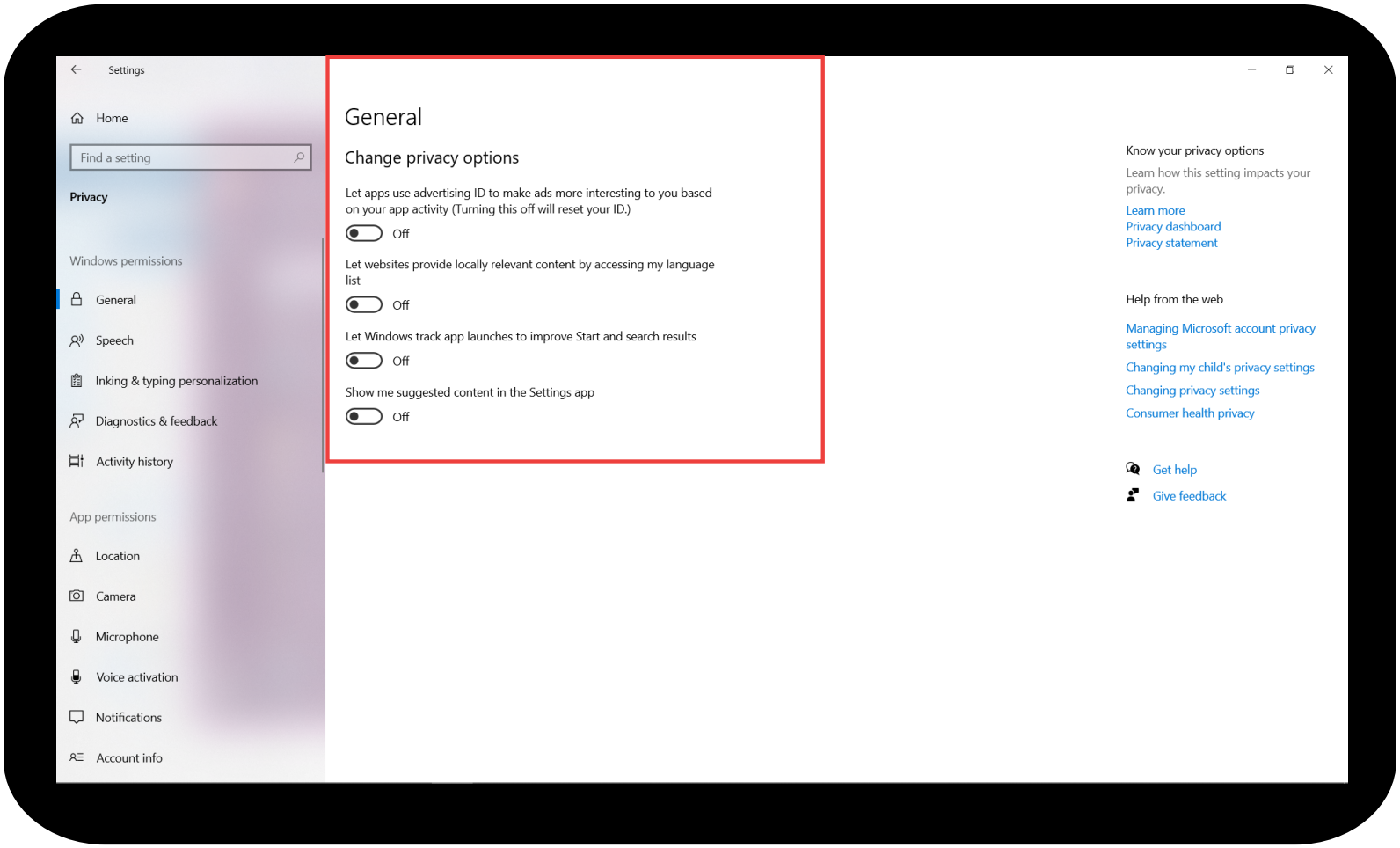
CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS



Turn OFF all options for using advertising ID, local content, app tracking, and suggested content

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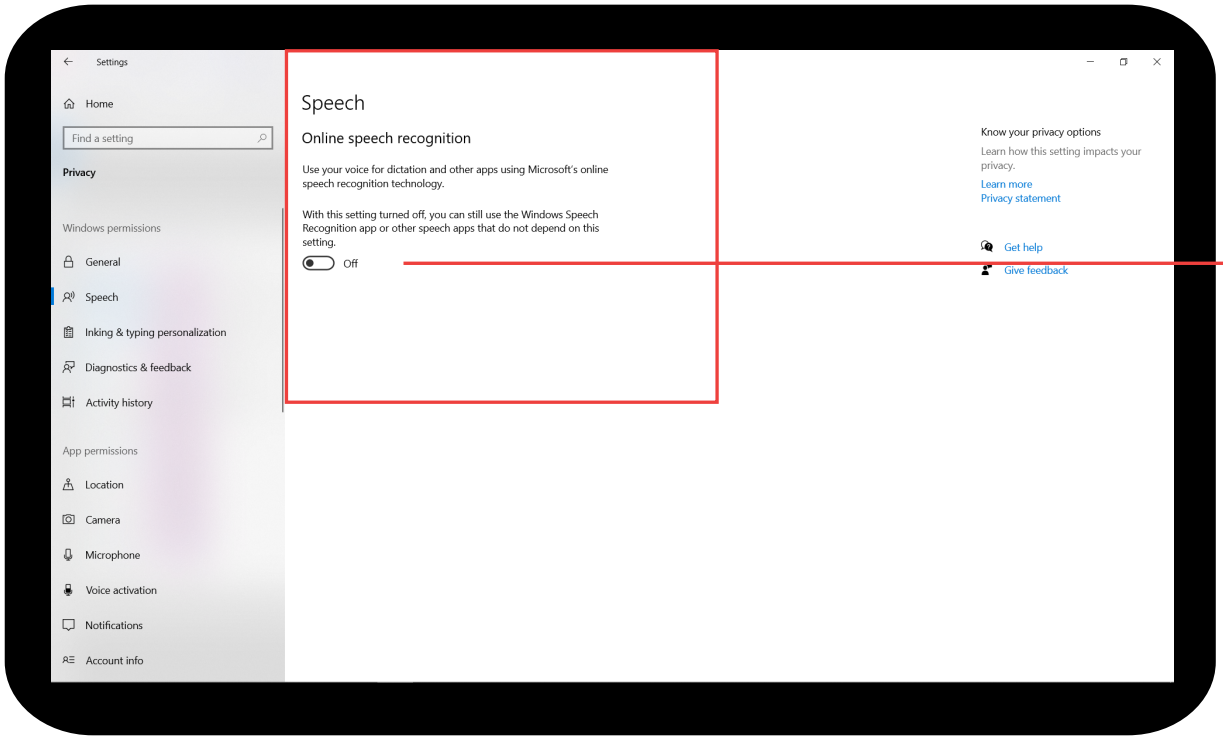
SPEECH & INKING AND TYPING PERSONALIZATION



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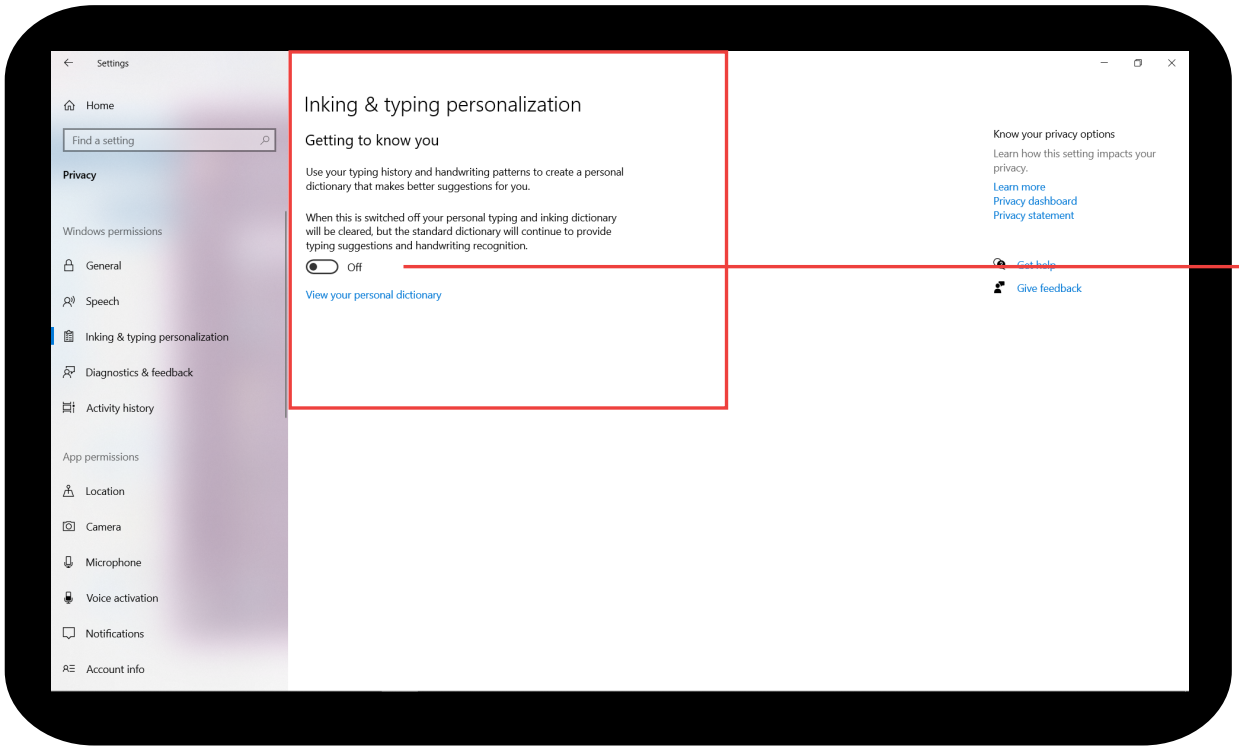

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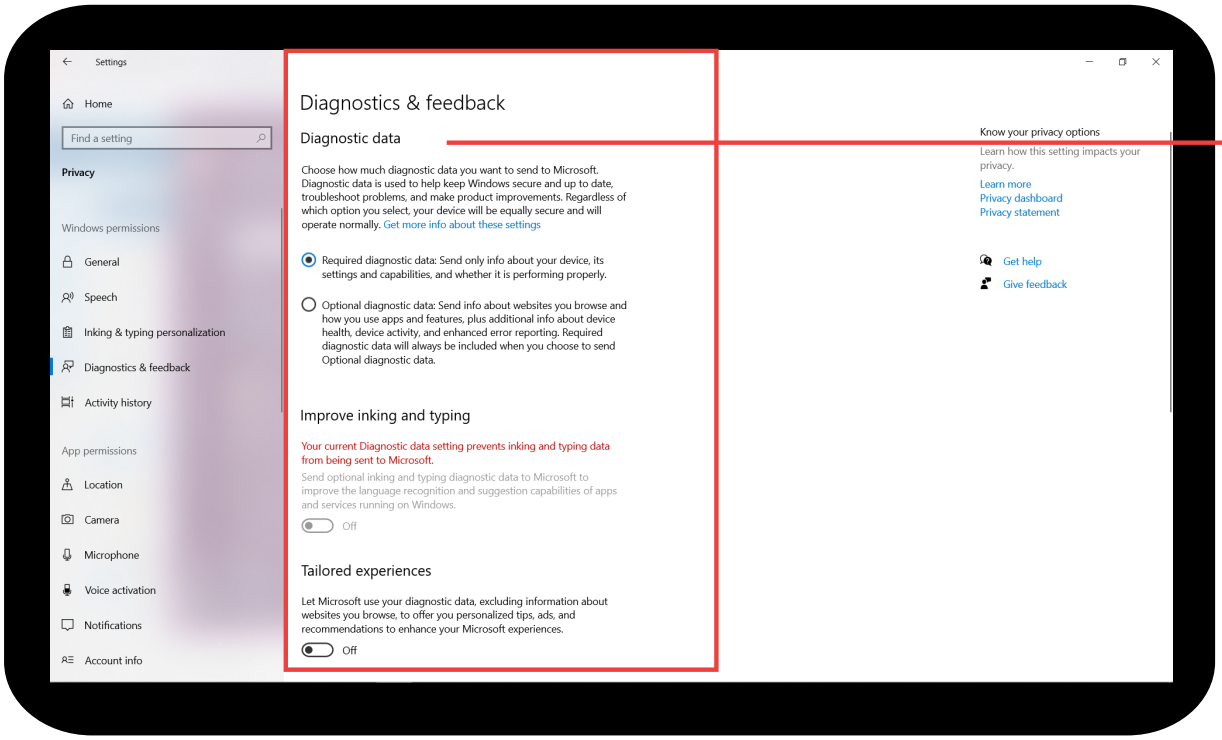
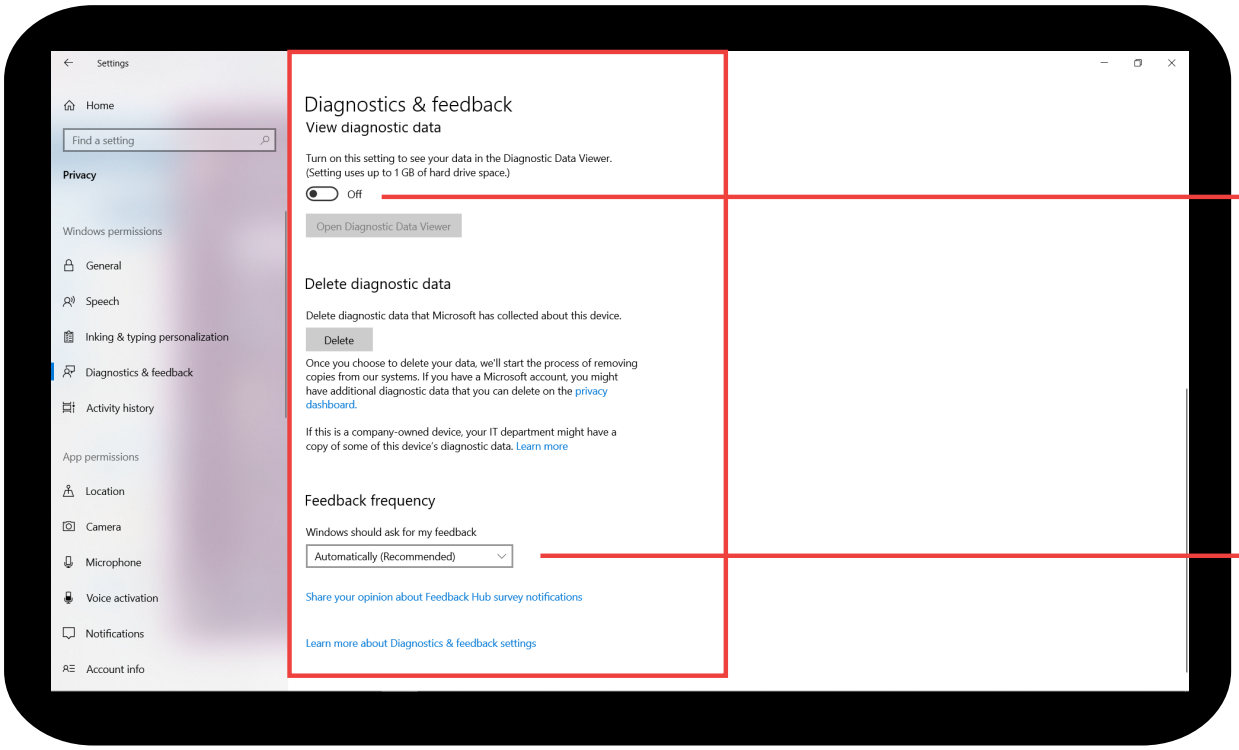
DIAGNOSTICS & FEEDBACK

DIAGNOSTIC DATA & TAILORED EXPERIENCES



REQUIRED Diagnostic Data

VIEW DIAGNOSTIC DATA & FEEDBACK FREQUENCY



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AUTOMATIC

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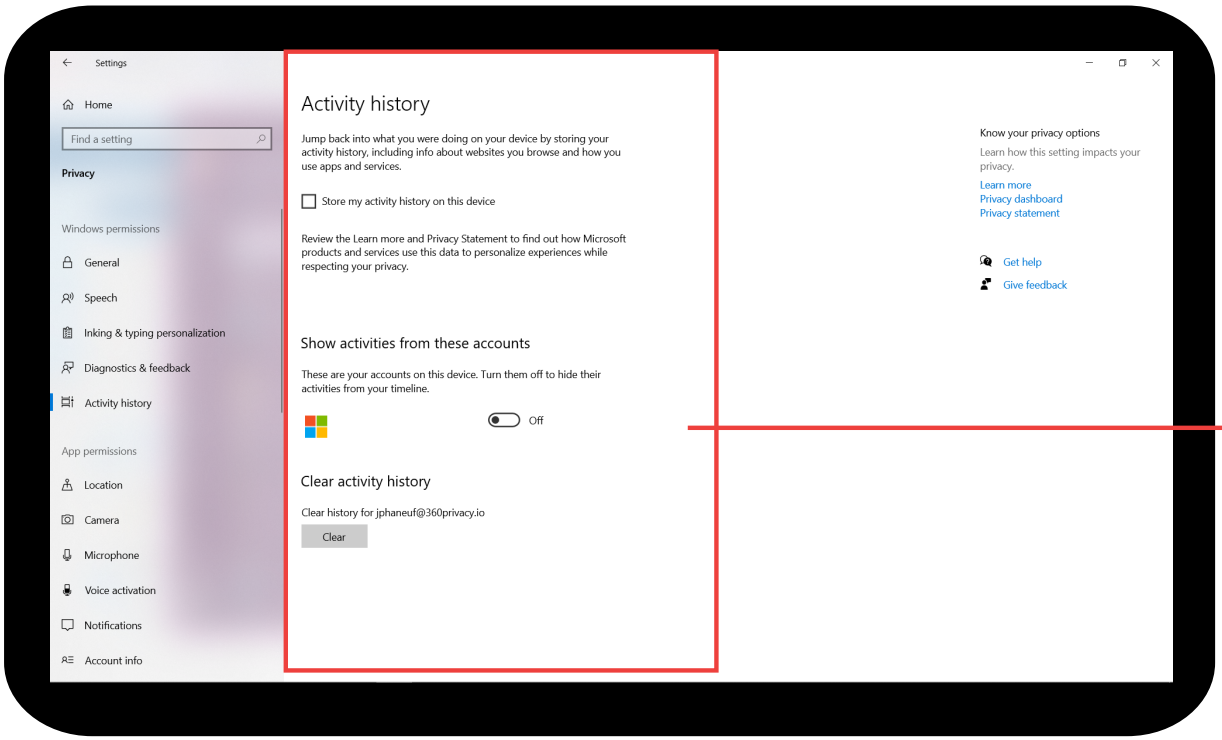
ACTIVITY HISTORY & LOCATION



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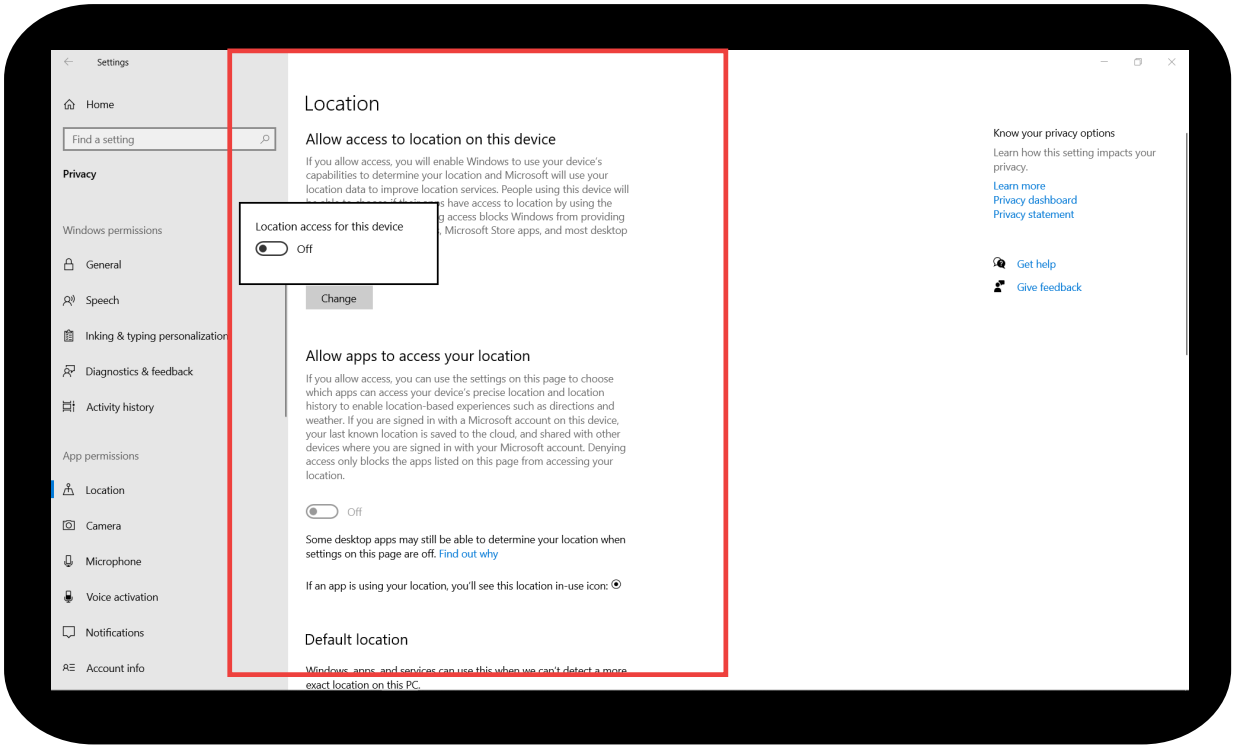

Take reasonable action for which apps you allow location permissions For highest level of device hardening, **turn location OFF**

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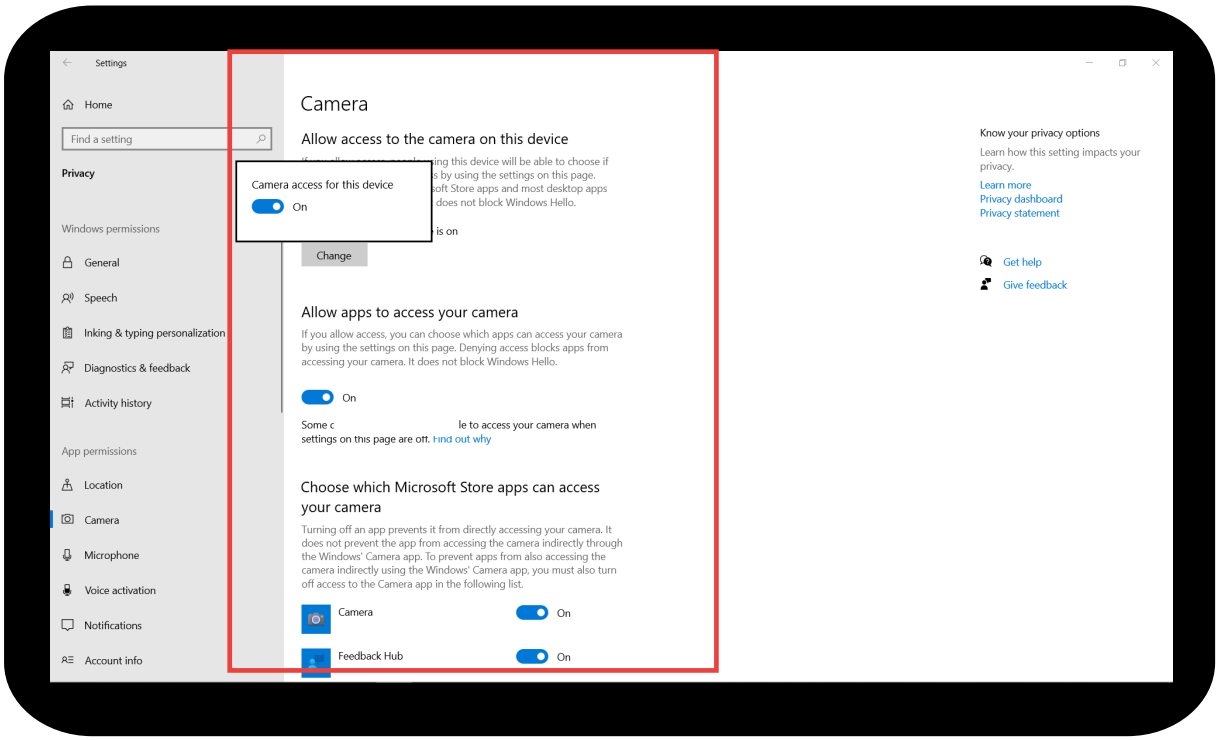
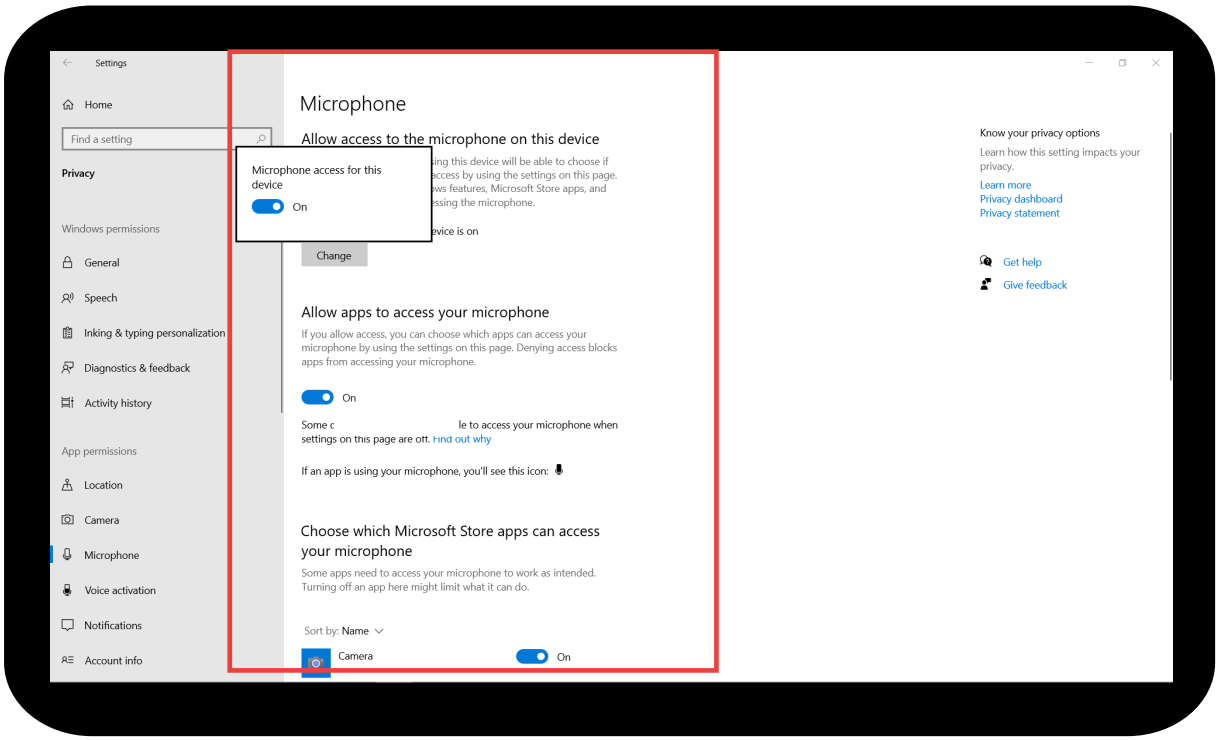
CAMERA & MICROPHONE



Take reasonable action for which apps have camera access



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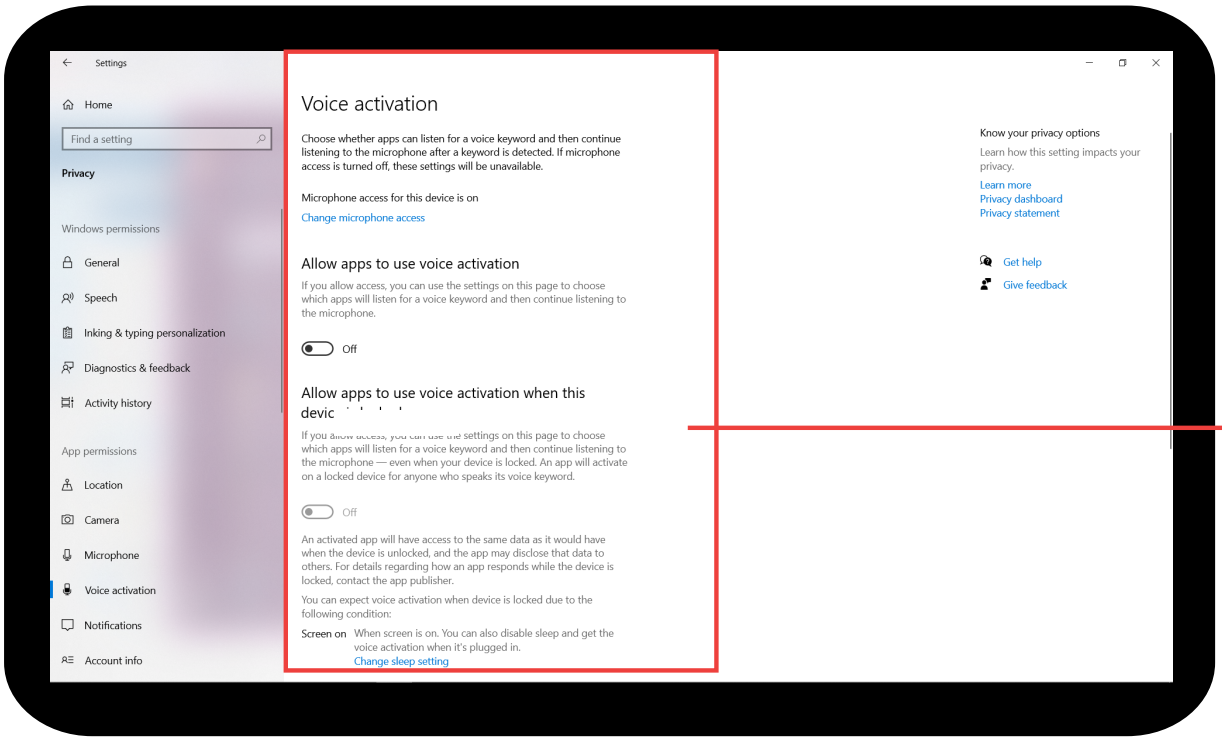
VOICE ACTIVATION & NOTIFICATIONS



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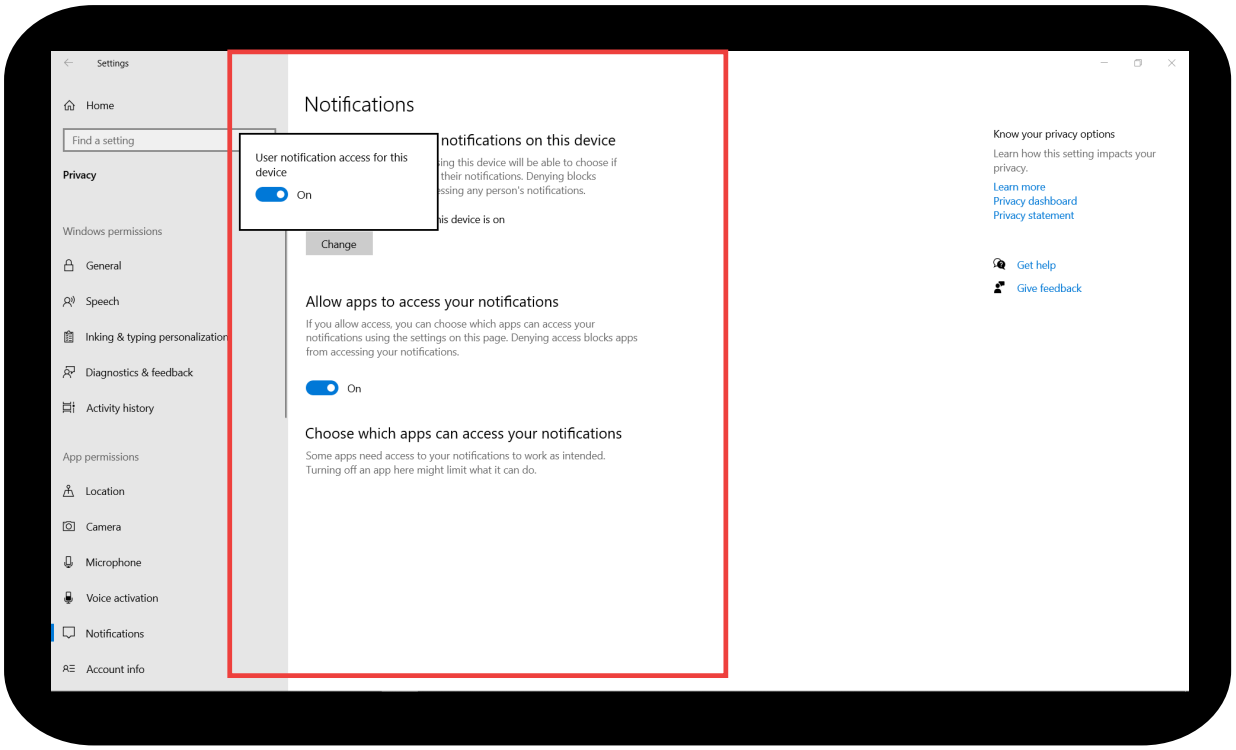

Take reasonable action for which apps access notifications

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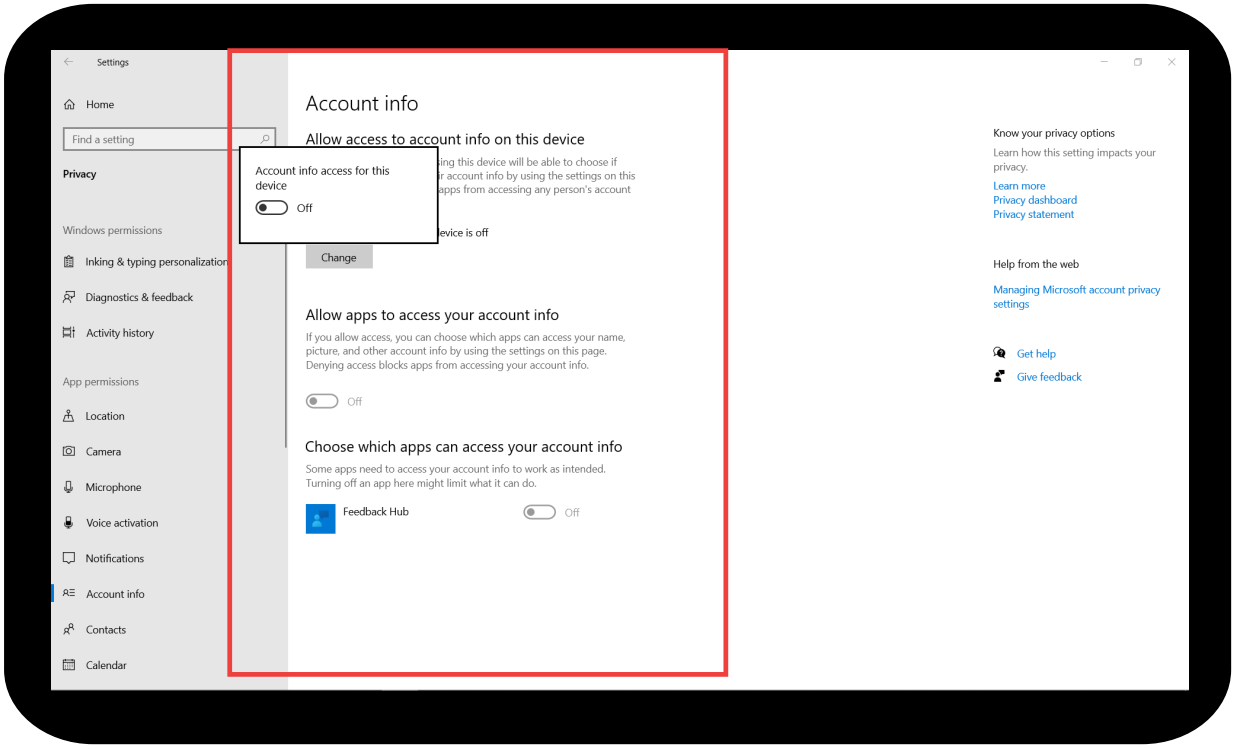
ACCOUNT INFORMATION



Turn OFF app access to your account info

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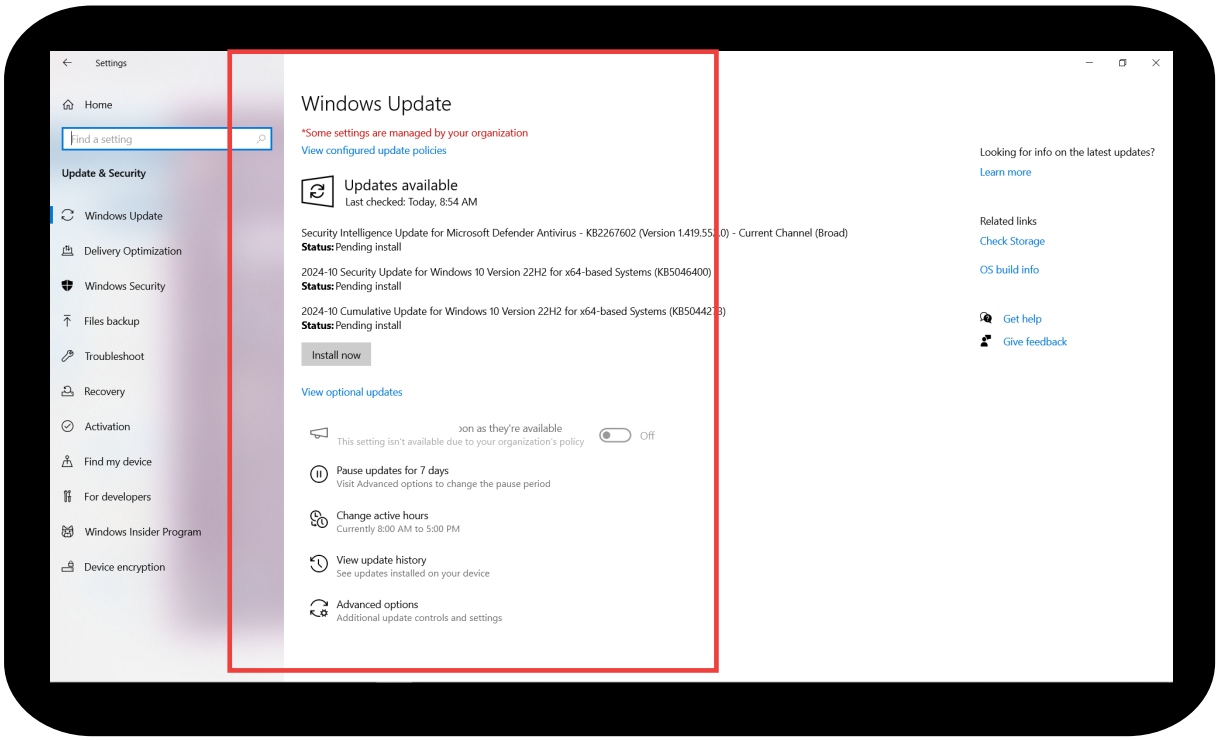
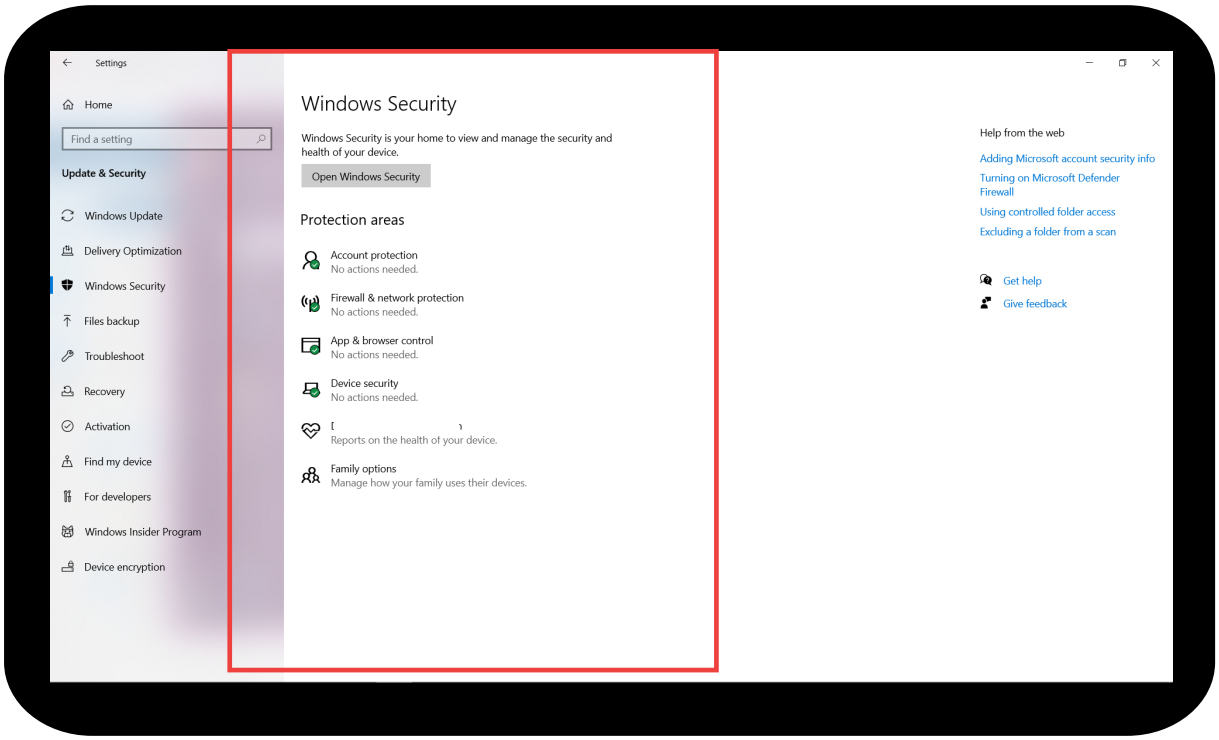
UPDATE & SECURITY

WINDOWS UPDATE & WINDOWS SECURITY



Check for Updates



Confirm green check marks

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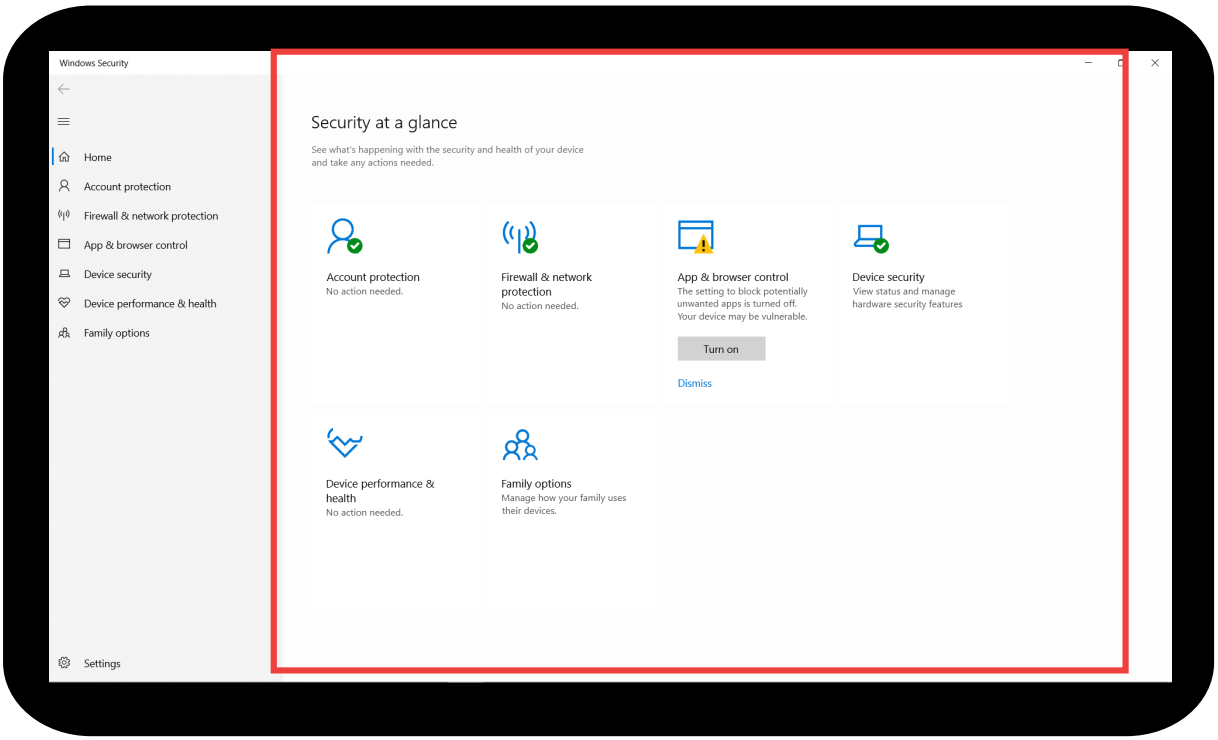

Open Windows Security to mitigate Actions Recommended

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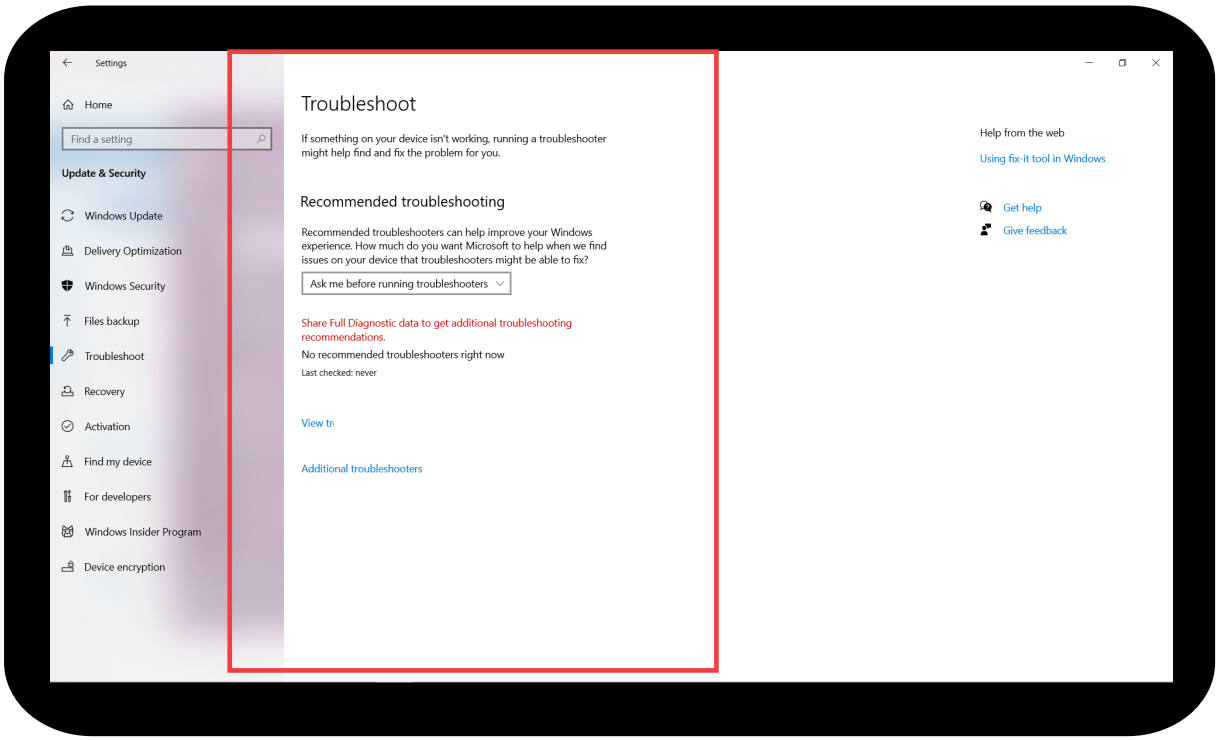
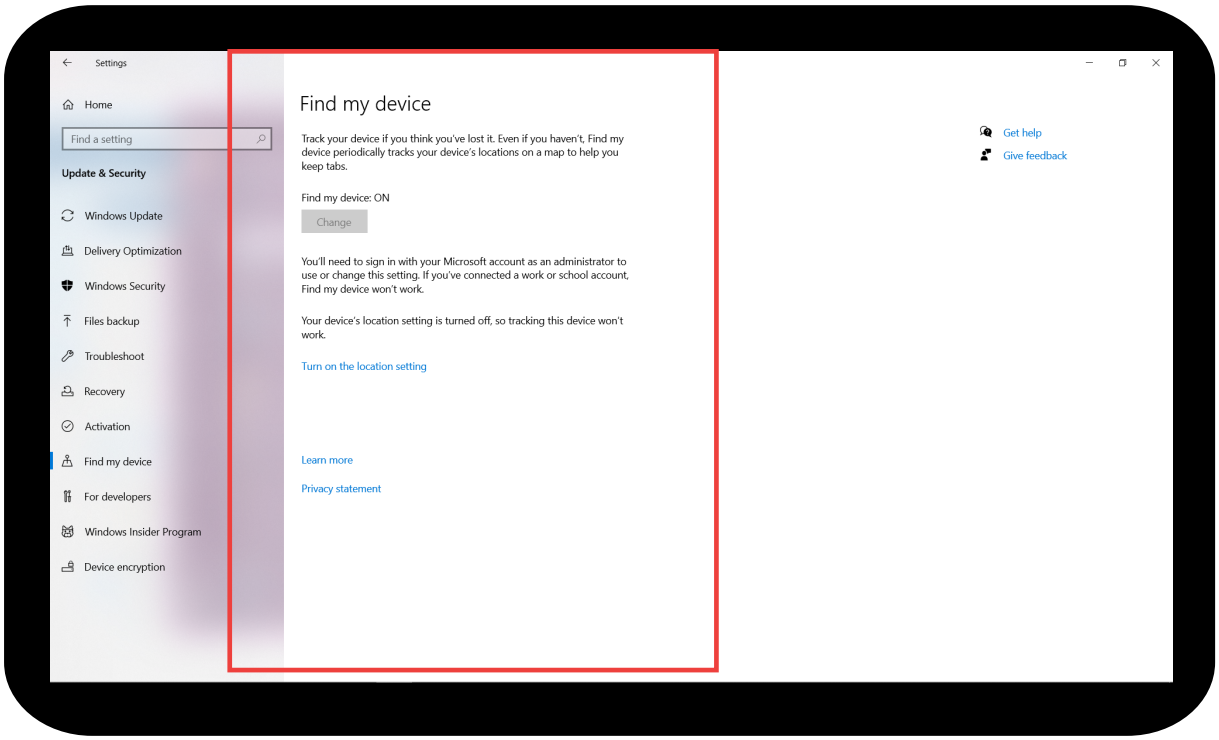
TROUBLESHOOT & FIND MY DEVICE



Recommended Troubleshooting > Ask before running troubleshooters



Discretionary by user

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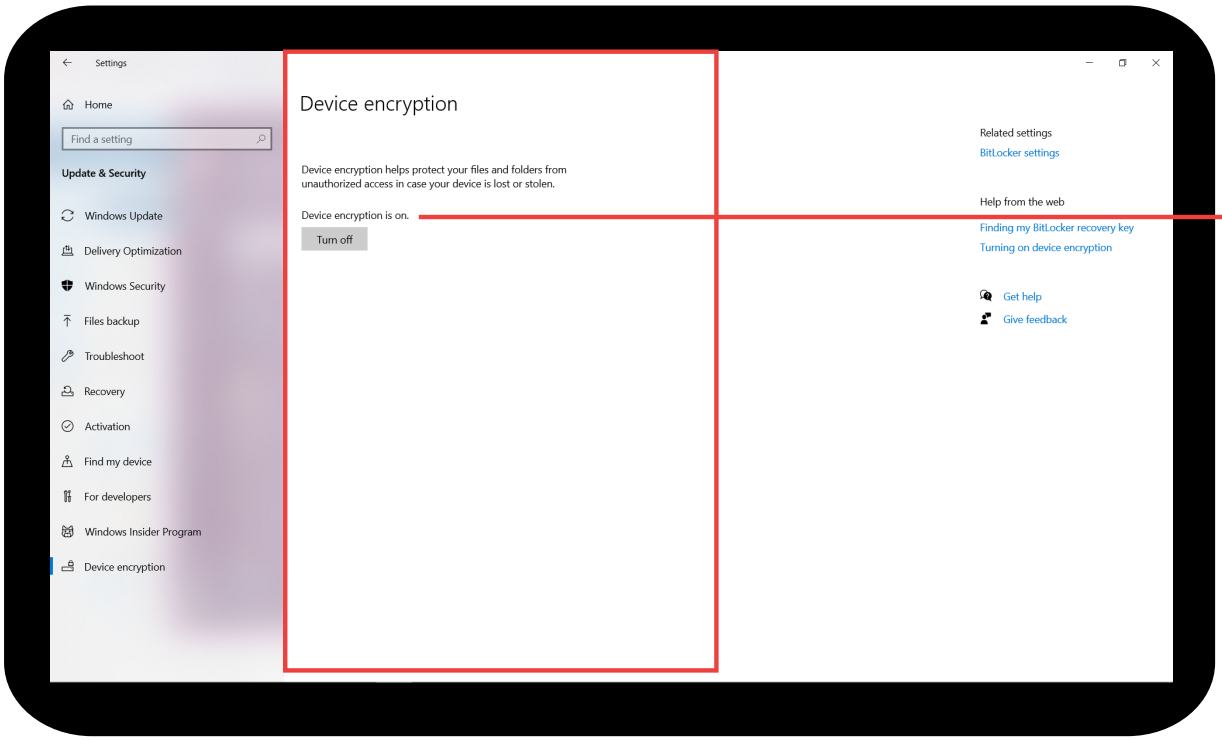
DEVICE ENCRYPTION



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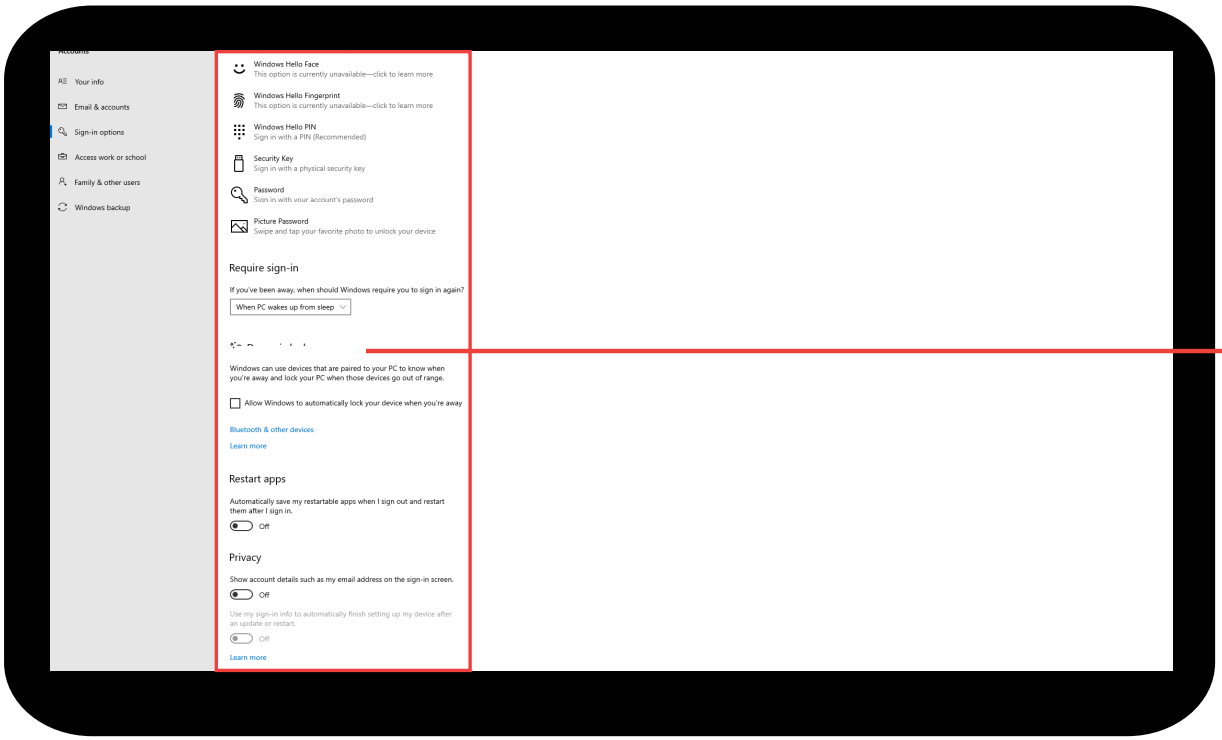
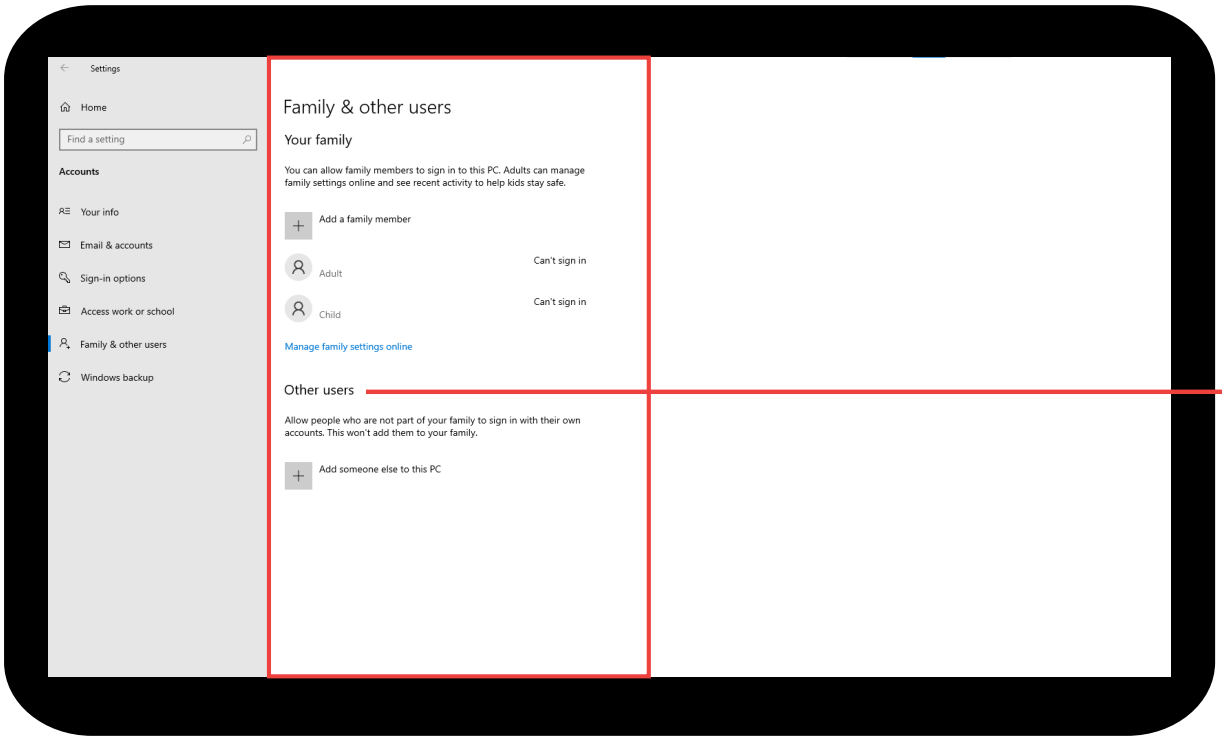
SIGN-IN OPTIONS



Require Sign-in EVERY TIME

Privacy - Use my sign-in info after an update



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PRIVACY