

## To Turn On or Off Windows Defender using Group Policy



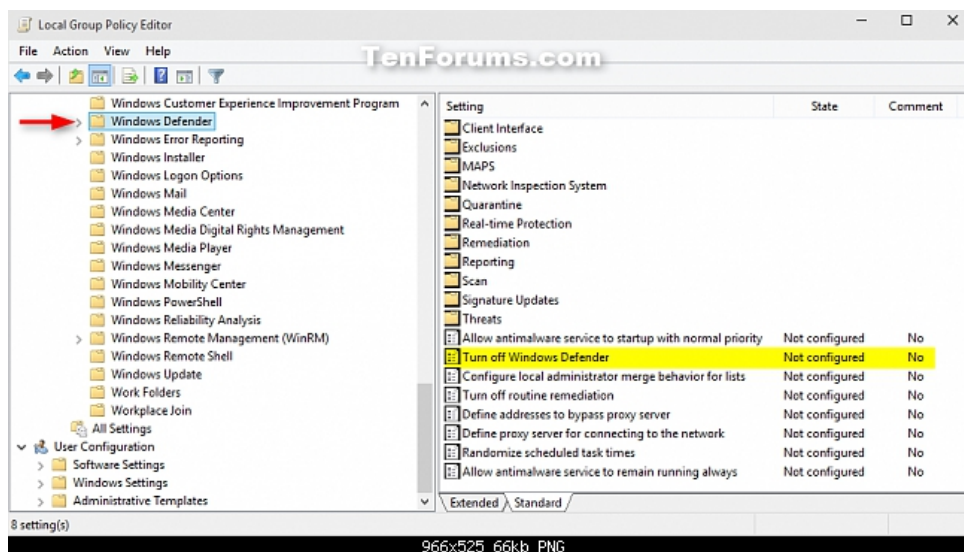
### Note

Local Group Policy Editor is only available in the **Windows 10 Pro, Enterprise, and Education editions**.

1. Open the **Local Group Policy Editor**.
2. In the left pane of Local Group Policy Editor, navigate to the location below. (see screenshot below)



**Computer Configuration/Administrative Templates/Windows Components/Windows Defender**



3. In the right pane of **Windows Defender** in Local Group Policy Editor, double click/tap on the **Turn off Windows Defender** policy to edit it. (see screenshot above)
4. Do **step 5** (on) or **step 6** (off) below for what you would like to do.

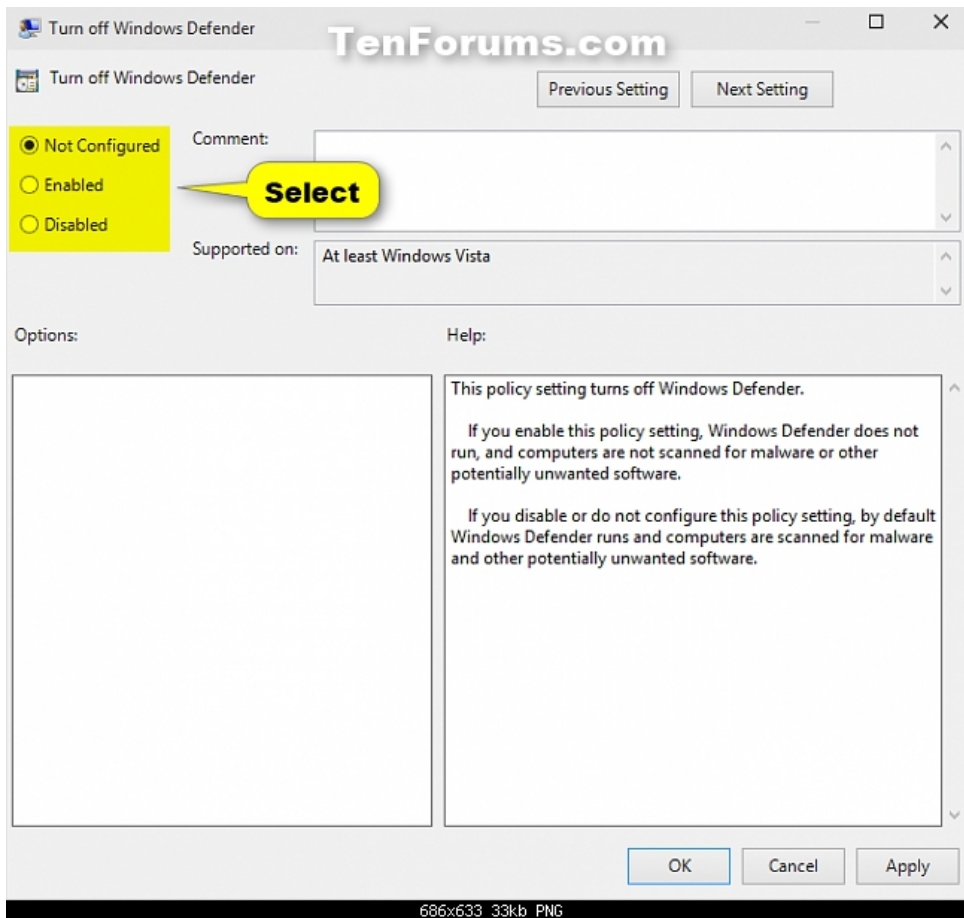
### 5. To Turn On Windows Defender

A) Select (dot) **Not Configured** or **Disabled**, click/tap on **OK**, and go to **step 7** below. (see screenshot below)

**NOTE:** *Not Configured is the default setting.*

### 6. To Turn Off Windows Defender

A) Select (dot) **Enabled**, click/tap on **OK**, and go to **step 7** below. (see screenshot below)



7. When finished, you can close the Local Group Policy Editor if you like.