

Windows 7 End-Of-Life Support

“After 10 years, support for Windows 7 is coming to an end on January 14, 2020. We know change can be difficult, so we are here to help you with recommendations for what to do next and to answer questions about end of support.

What does end of support mean?

When Windows 7 reaches end of support on January 14, 2020, your computer will still function but Microsoft will no longer provide the following:

- Technical support for any issues
- Software updates
- Security updates or fixes

While you could continue to use your PC running Windows 7, without continued software and security updates, it will be at greater risk for viruses and malware. Going forward, the best way for you to stay secure is on Windows 10. And the best way to experience Windows 10 is on a new PC. While it is possible to install Windows 10 on your older device, it is not recommended.”¹

¹ <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-7-end-of-life-support-information>

What can I do?

- In all cases
 - back-up your user-created files
 - install and/or update anti-virus and malware programs
 - make sure firewall is active
- Some options
 - Do nothing and hope for the best
 - Upgrade PC to Windows 10
 - Change to Linux based OS
 - Buy new PC with Windows 10
 - Convert usage to tablet especially if primary use is email and web-based usage
 - Change to MAC