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Windows' October update fixes a flaw attackers are already using to get past download warnings

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- [ ] **Run Windows Update on every Windows PC.** Install the October 2026 security update and restart when Windows asks.
- [ ] **Include the machines nobody uses daily.** Spare laptops, reception PCs and anything switched off for a while may still be waiting.
- [ ] **Check each Windows 10 22H2 Home or Pro PC's ESU enrolment.** Without it, the PC doesn't receive this fix. Look in Windows Update for the enrolment link, or plan its replacement.
- [ ] **Move any Windows 11 24H2 Home or Pro PCs to a newer version.** October was their last monthly update.
- [ ] **Remind staff about unexpected attachments and links.** This attack needs someone to open a file or click a link, so check with the sender, using contact details you already have, before opening anything you didn't expect.
- [ ] **Ask your IT provider to confirm your Windows servers have the October update.** Windows Server 2012 R2 to 2025 are also listed as affected.

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