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Defender for Business & Conditional Access

the perimeter is who you are and what you sign in from



Short answer: most attacks on small businesses start with a stolen sign-in, not a virus file. Conditional Access decides who gets in, from what device and under what conditions; Microsoft Defender for Business protects, detects and responds on the devices themselves. Both come with Microsoft 365 Business Premium. whedo.it configures them, tunes them and watches them.

Why it matters

- **Passwords alone aren't enough.** Conditional Access can require MFA, a compliant device or an approved app before access is granted.
- **Block what you don't need.** Legacy authentication and sign-ins from places you don't operate can be blocked outright.
- **More than antivirus.** Defender for Business adds endpoint detection and response, attack surface reduction, automated investigation and remediation, and vulnerability management.
- **One console, every device.** Windows, Mac, iOS/iPadOS and Android are covered from the same place.

What whedo.it does

Area	What we do
Conditional Access	MFA for all users, legacy authentication blocked, and device-compliance and named-location rules.
Endpoint protection	Defender for Business onboarded and tuned as the active engine, with attack surface reduction rules applied.
Layered detection	Acronis EDR and a 24/7 managed detection and response (MDR) security operations centre over the top.

Area	What we do
Email	Defender for Office 365: Safe Links, Safe Attachments and impersonation protection.
Posture	Security posture monitored and kept tight as Microsoft changes settings and adds features.

Key facts

Fact	Detail
Conditional Access licence	Needs Microsoft Entra ID P1, which Business Premium includes. Security defaults must be turned off before Conditional Access policies are used.
Risk-based policies	Sign-in risk and user risk policies need Entra ID Protection, a P2 feature, which isn't in Business Premium.
Defender for Business	Designed for businesses of up to 300 users; included in Business Premium. Protecting Windows and Linux servers needs extra licences.

Who it suits: every business on Microsoft 365. Identity is now the front door, and these two products are how it gets locked.

Next step

Book a 30-minute scoping call. We'll check your sign-in and device protection against our standard. Warren Ephron · 0421 346 887 · warren@whedoit.com

Sources: Microsoft Learn (Defender for Business overview, Conditional Access overview, Defender for Office 365, Azure Virtual Desktop MFA). Full links in the whedo.it technology guide.