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Some time after connecting Windows 11 to your school account, you'll receive applications and also a prompt to enable BitLocker.
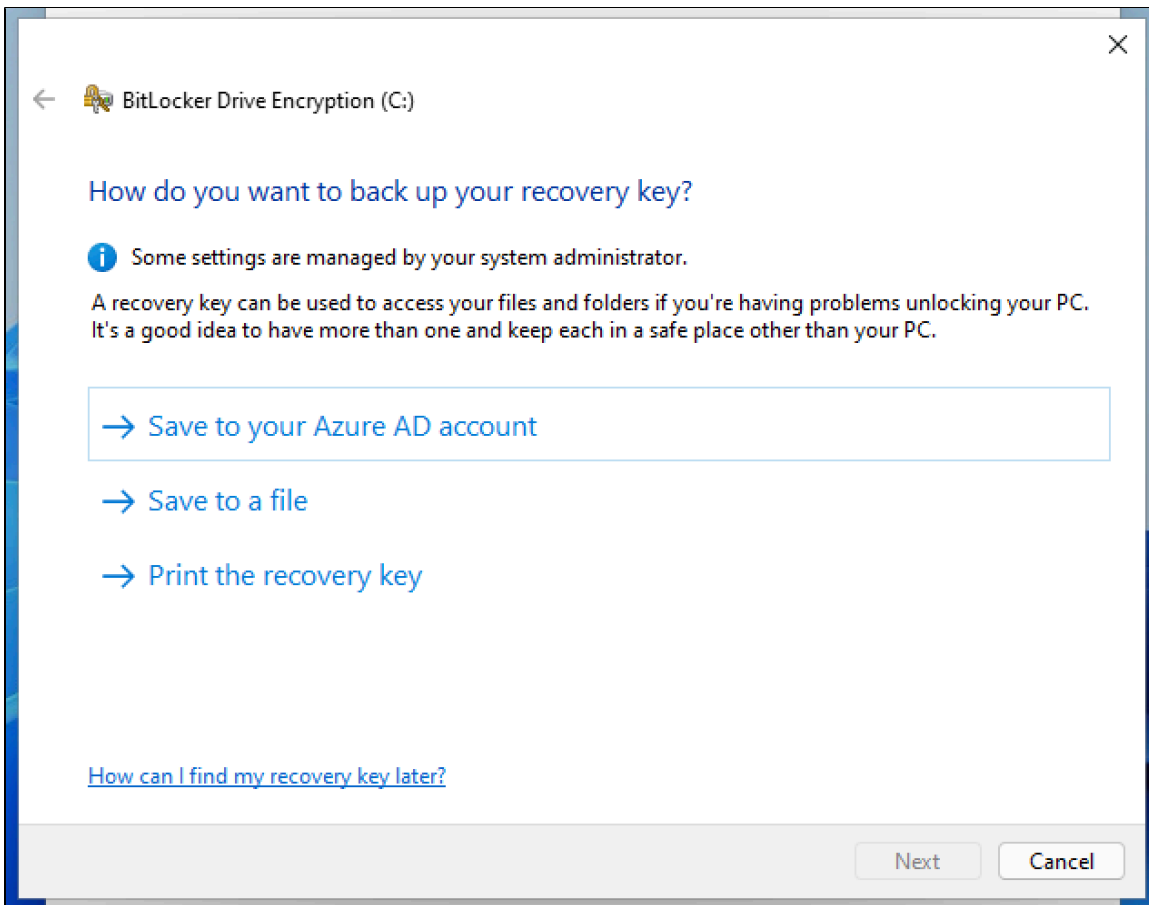
1. You will see a notification in the notification tray area in the bottom right area of your desktop. Click the **Encryption needed** message to launch the encryption wizard. The select **I don't have any other disk encryption software installed, encrypt all my disks** and then click **Yes**.
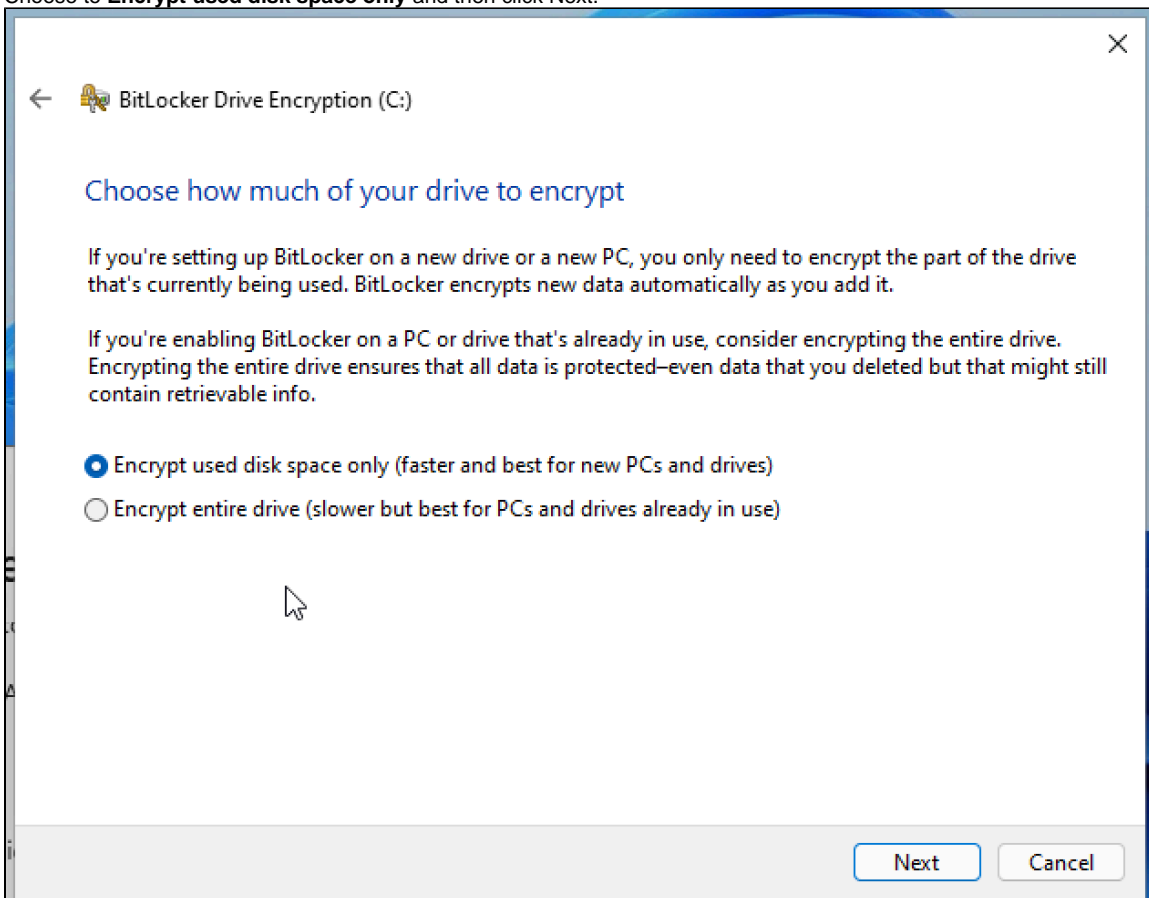

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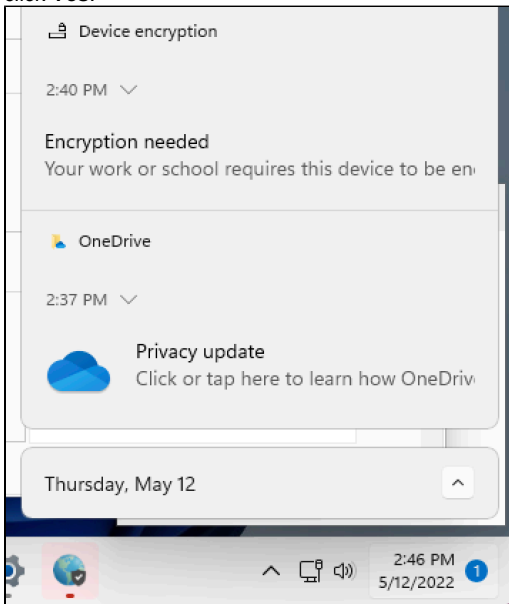
2. Alternatively you can do a Windows search for BitLocker and select **Manage BitLocker.** Then click **Turn on BitLocker.**

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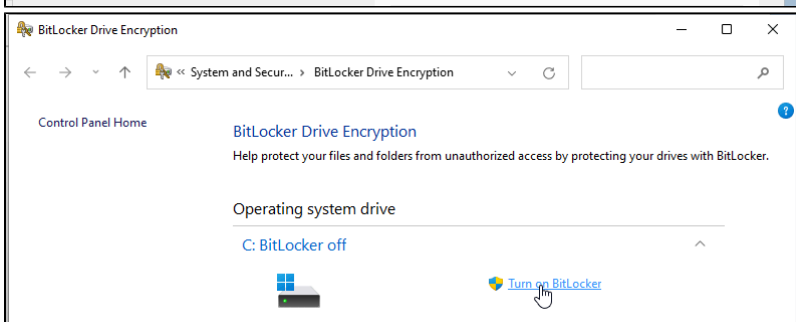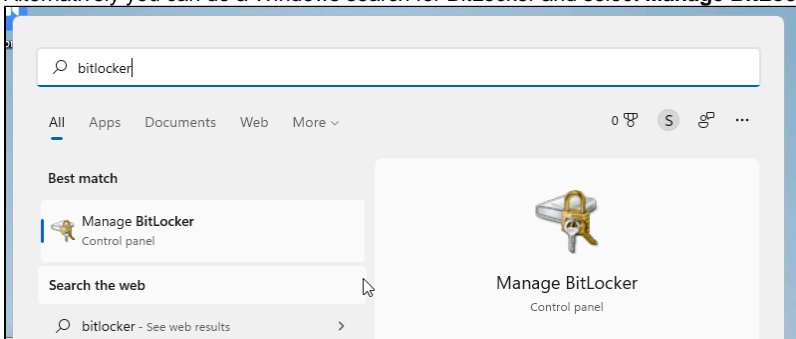
3. When prompted to save the recovery key, choose **Save to your Azure AD account**. If you want to save the recovery key in an additional location, you can also save it to a file on a external drive or print the recovery key. When done, click next.

How do you want to back up your recovery key?

🛈 Some settings are managed by your system administrator.

A recovery key can be used to access your files and folders if you're having problems unlocking your PC. It's a good idea to have more than one and keep each in a safe place other than your PC.

→ Save to your Azure AD account

→ Save to a file

→ Print the recovery key

How can I find my recovery key later?

Next   Cancel

4. Choose to **Encrypt used disk space only** and then click Next.

Choose how much of your drive to encrypt

If you're setting up BitLocker on a new drive or a new PC, you only need to encrypt the part of the drive that's currently being used. BitLocker encrypts new data automatically as you add it.

If you're enabling BitLocker on a PC or drive that's already in use, consider encrypting the entire drive. Encrypting the entire drive ensures that all data is protected–even data that you deleted but that might still contain retrievable info.

● Encrypt used disk space only (faster and best for new PCs and drives)
○ Encrypt entire drive (slower but best for PCs and drives already in use)

Next   Cancel

5. When asked if you, "Are ready to encrypt this drive?", click **Start Encrypting**. Drive encryption should only take a few minutes.

This video demonstrates the above steps for enabling BitLocker disk encryption.