

## Windows 7 – End Of Life Support

Microsoft have announced that Windows 7 will become “end of life” in January 2020, but what does this mean?

In this case it means that Microsoft will no longer provide any support at all for Windows 7 users. It will continue to work but it will not be safe on the Internet. Every now and again Microsoft provides updates to the Operating System, but this will stop in Jan 2020.

These updates are mostly based on providing security updates when a flaw is found in Windows 7. Currently if a vulnerability is found Microsoft will fix the problem and send out an update – but this will no longer happen next year.

This means that your system will remain vulnerable to new threats and flaws that appear in Windows 7 despite Anti Virus and Anti Malware software etc.

Although these programmes will capture typical virus threats etc, they cannot fix a problem with Windows itself. Only Microsoft can do that.

So yes Windows 7 will still continue to run and work as before but it should not be used for any Internet activity at all.

The good news is that most systems built for Windows 7 (and earlier we have found) can be upgraded to Windows 10.

That’s it, in a nutshell.

Free advice is available so give us a call on 01322 284435.

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