

Allowing Windows Camera and Microphone Privacy

Enable the Windows 11 permissions B.O.B. needs for local camera preview and microphone testing.

Start	>	Settings	>	Privacy & security	>	Camera / Microphone
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Privacy first

B.O.B. accesses camera and microphone devices only for the local preview and level test you start. Windows remains in control of device permission.

Allow camera access

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Open Windows Settings

Select Start, open Settings, and choose Privacy & security.

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Open Camera

Under App permissions, select Camera.

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Enable the camera toggles

Turn on Camera access, Let apps access your camera, and Let desktop apps access your camera.

Allow microphone access

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Open Microphone

Return to Privacy & security and select Microphone.

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Enable the microphone toggles

Turn on Microphone access, Let apps access your microphone, and Let desktop apps access your microphone.

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Restart the device test

Quit B.O.B. from its tray icon, reopen it, select Hardware, and run Scan hardware again.

Why desktop-app access matters

B.O.B. uses a packaged desktop application architecture. Windows may manage its access under the desktop-app camera and microphone controls instead of showing an individual B.O.B. toggle.

How to confirm Windows permission

✓	B.O.B. displays the selected camera in its local preview.
✓	The Windows camera indicator or camera light appears while the preview is active.
✓	The microphone level meter responds while testing.
✓	The Windows taskbar may show a microphone-in-use indicator during the test.
✓	The indicators stop after leaving Hardware or minimizing B.O.B.

If access is still blocked

Toggle is disabled The setting may be controlled by your organization. Contact the Windows administrator.	B.O.B. is not listed Desktop apps may not appear as individual entries. Ensure the desktop-app access toggle is on.
Google Meet is blocked In Chrome or Edge, open meet.google.com and allow camera and microphone for that website.	Another app has the camera Close the other meeting or camera app before starting B.O.B.'s local preview.

Official support references

[Microsoft: Windows camera, microphone, and privacy](#)

[Microsoft: Manage camera permissions in Windows](#)