



AI, MADE PRACTICAL

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A free guardrail now watches what your AI agents touch.

Bitdefender AI
AI GUARDIAN · FREE BETA

On Oct 7, Bitdefender released AI Guardian, a free open beta for macOS. It sets boundaries around the tools, files and data an AI agent can reach, then checks each action as it happens. If anyone on your team runs Claude Code or OpenClaw on a work Mac, it is a low-cost way to see what those agents actually try to do.



Free

During the beta, with no waitlist or licence key. Bitdefender says it stays free for early adopters after beta.

3 verdicts

Every checked action is allowed, flagged for review, or blocked (Bitdefender)

2 agents

Supported in beta: Claude Code 2.1.121+ and OpenClaw 2026.6.6+, on macOS only

6 risk areas

MCP tools, skills, prompt injection, tool calls, leaked keys and sensitive files

FIGURES FROM BITDEFENDER'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND AI GUARDIAN PRODUCT PAGE, OCT 7, 2026 · VENDOR CLAIMS LABELED · NO PARTNERSHIP IMPLIED

BITDEFENDER, IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT

"Traditional endpoint protection remains important, but it was not designed to govern the decisions an autonomous agent makes as it works with tools, files and credentials."



ASK 01

Who runs agents?



ASK 02

What can they reach?



ASK 03

Who gets the alert?

What AI Guardian checks, and what it doesn't.

AI Guardian sits between a supported agent and the resources it tries to use. Bitdefender says it focuses on what an agent tries to do, like calling a tool, opening a file or sharing data, not on whether a chatbot's answer is good.

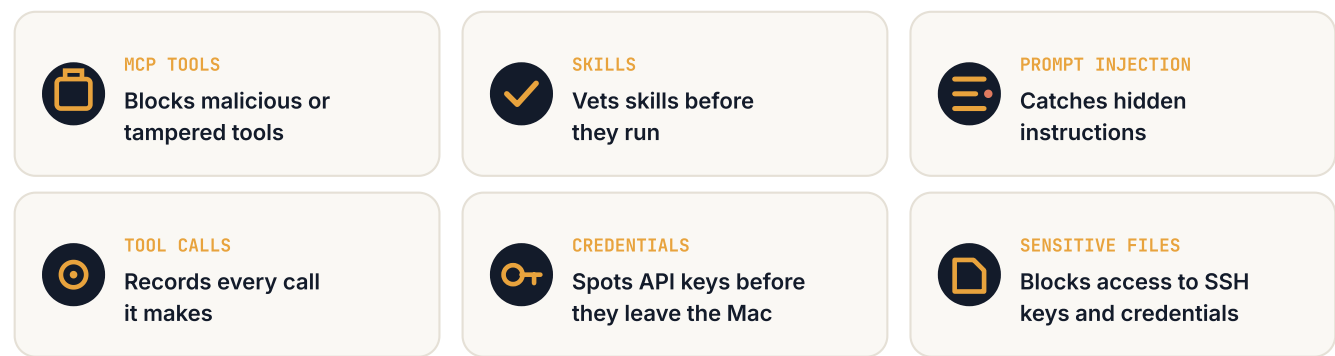


FIGURE 1 · THE SIX PROTECTIONS BITDEFENDER LISTS FOR AI GUARDIAN (PRODUCT PAGE, OCT 7, 2026)

AGENT EVENT	WITHOUT A GUARDRAIL	WITH AI GUARDIAN
Prompt injection	Agent may follow it	Flagged or blocked first
Malicious MCP tool	Runs and can steer the agent	Blocked before it's called
API key in a prompt	Secret can leave the machine	Exposure is detected
Reading SSH keys	Readable by the agent	Unauthorized access blocked
Unreviewed skill	Runs without inspection	Vetted before it runs

FIGURE 2 · BITDEFENDER'S OWN COMPARISON OF FIVE AGENT EVENTS (VENDOR CLAIMS, REDRAWN)



FIGURE 3 · HOW BITDEFENDER POSITIONS AI GUARDIAN NEXT TO THE SECURITY YOU ALREADY RUN

HOW IT WORKS, IN BITDEFENDER'S THREE STEPS

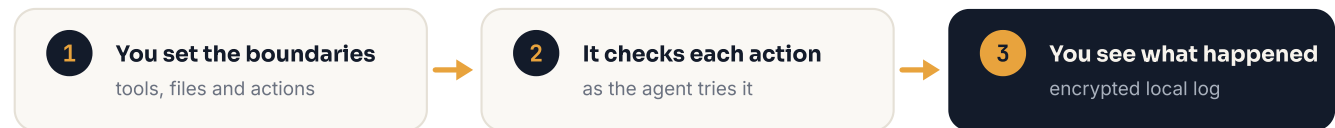


FIGURE 4 · THE THREE STEPS BITDEFENDER DESCRIBES IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT

WHERE YOUR DATA GOES

Bitdefender says analysis runs on the Mac and prompt text stays there. Some checks, like URL reputation, may use its cloud. Alerts can go to a chat app you pick.

Start with a list, then one Mac.

A free beta on one operating system covering two agents is a way to watch, not a policy. Somebody still has to decide what each agent may touch. Here is a simple way to try it this week.

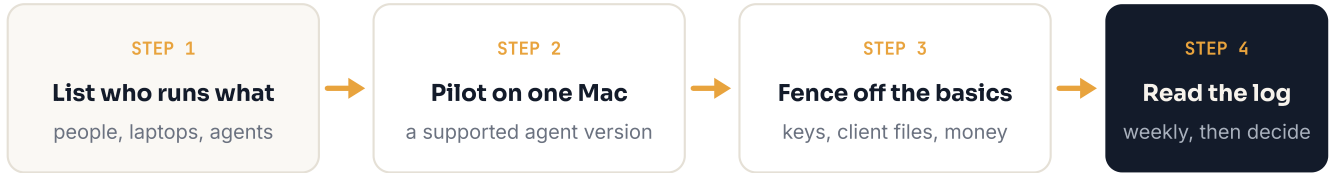


FIGURE 5 · A FOUR-STEP PILOT FOR A GUARDRAIL ON STAFF LAPTOPS (CONSULTIPLY GUIDANCE)



FIGURE 6 · COVERAGE AS BITDEFENDER LISTS IT FOR THE BETA, OCT 7, 2026

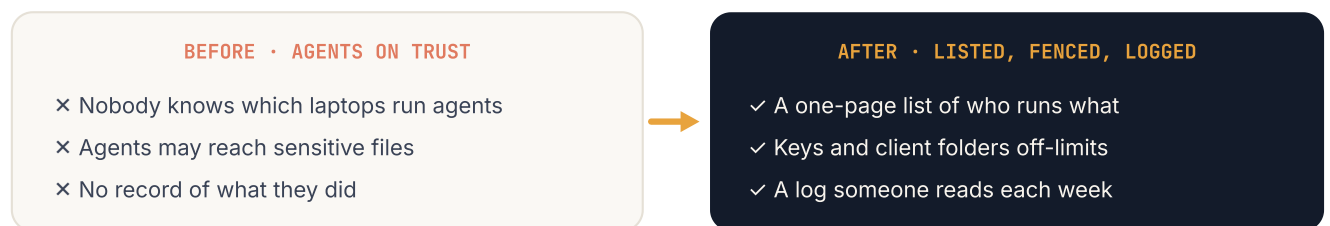


FIGURE 7 · WHAT CHANGES WHEN AGENTS GET BOUNDARIES BEFORE THEY GET MORE ACCESS

DECIDE THESE BEFORE YOU INSTALL ANYTHING

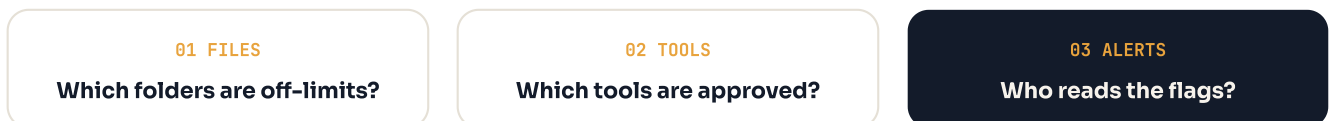


FIGURE 8 · THREE BOUNDARY QUESTIONS FOR EVERY AGENT ON A WORK LAPTOP (CONSULTIPLY GUIDANCE)

WHO BITDEFENDER SAYS THE BETA IS FOR

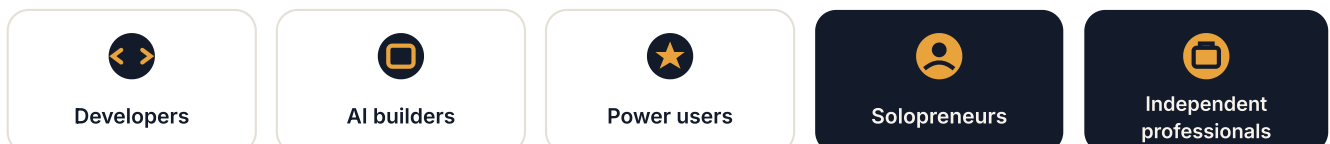


FIGURE 9 · BITDEFENDER'S LIST OF WHO THE BETA IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT FOR, ALREADY GIVING AGENTS REAL ACCESS

THIS WEEK

Ask your team who runs an AI agent on a work laptop, and which one. Put the answers on one page. Then pick one Mac to pilot a guardrail and read what it flags after a week.



• AI

THIS WEEK • KEEP EXPLORING

Owner checklist: boundaries for the agents your team runs



List every agent on a work laptop

Who runs it, on which machine, and what it is connected to. One page is enough.



Pilot a guardrail on one Mac

Check the agent version is supported before you install. Start with the person who uses agents most.



Fence off keys, client files and money

Decide what is off-limits first. A tool can enforce boundaries, but a person has to set them.



Name who reads the flags

Review the log weekly. Expand to more laptops only when the flags make sense.

SOURCES • CLICK TO OPEN

Bitdefender • Introducing Bitdefender AI Guardian: Free Security for AI Agents (Oct 7, 2026)

Primary: free macOS open beta, boundaries plus real-time verdicts, supported agents, on-device analysis, quote.

bitdefender.com/blog • AI Guardian announcement

Bitdefender AI • AI Guardian product page

Six protections, with and without comparison, coverage table, free during beta and for early adopters.

ai.bitdefender.com/ai-guardian

Bitdefender AI • Agent Skill Scanner

Related free tool Bitdefender points to for checking skills before you install them.

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Want a second set of eyes on what your agents can reach?

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