

A drive shared on another computer but unable to access the file and folder

The reason you can see the **E drive** (As an example) but cannot open its files is that Windows manages sharing in two separate layers: **Network Sharing** (which lets you see the drive) and **NTFS Security Permissions** (which actually lets you open the files). Because it is an entire drive rather than a single folder, Windows blocks access by default for safety.

Here is how to grant full access permissions to fix this:

1. Fix the Security Permissions on the E Drive

Go to the **host computer** (the one that physically holds the E drive) and follow these steps:

1. Open **This PC**, right-click your **E: Drive**, and select **Properties**.
2. Go to the **Security** tab at the top and click the **Edit...** button.
3. Click the **Add...** button.
4. In the empty text box, type **Everyone** and click **Check Names**. The text should become underlined. Click **OK**.
5. Click on **Everyone** in the top list, and in the bottom box, check the box for **Full control** under the "Allow" column.
6. Click **Apply** and then **OK**. *Note: Windows will start applying permissions to all files inside. If any pop-ups say "Access Denied" for system files, just click "Ignore All" or "Continue".*

2. Double-Check Advanced Sharing Permissions

While still on the host computer, make sure the sharing layer itself isn't limiting your access:

1. Right-click the **E: Drive** again and select **Properties**.
2. Go to the **Sharing** tab and click **Advanced Sharing...**
3. Click the **Permissions** button.
4. Ensure **Everyone** is listed here. Click on it and verify that **Full Control**, **Change**, and **Read** are all checked under "Allow".
5. Click **OK** on all windows to save.

3. Reconnect from Your Computer

Go back to your main computer, open the network folder, and try opening the E drive. If it still says access is denied, restart both computers once to force Windows to reload the newly assigned security permissions.