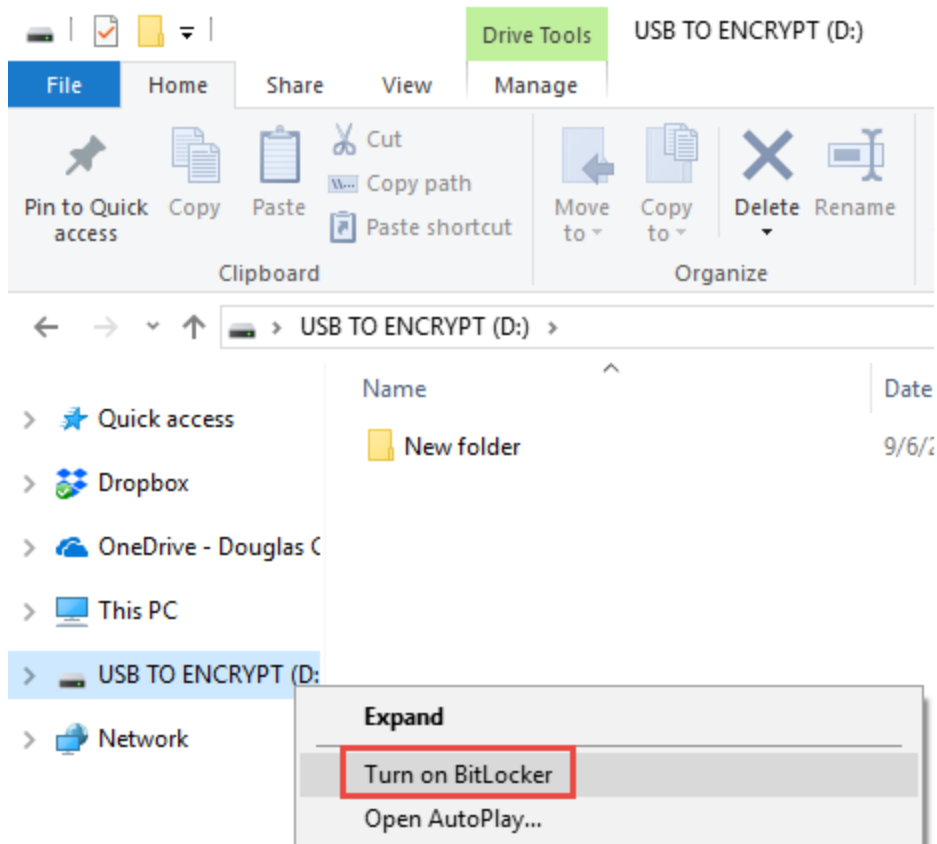
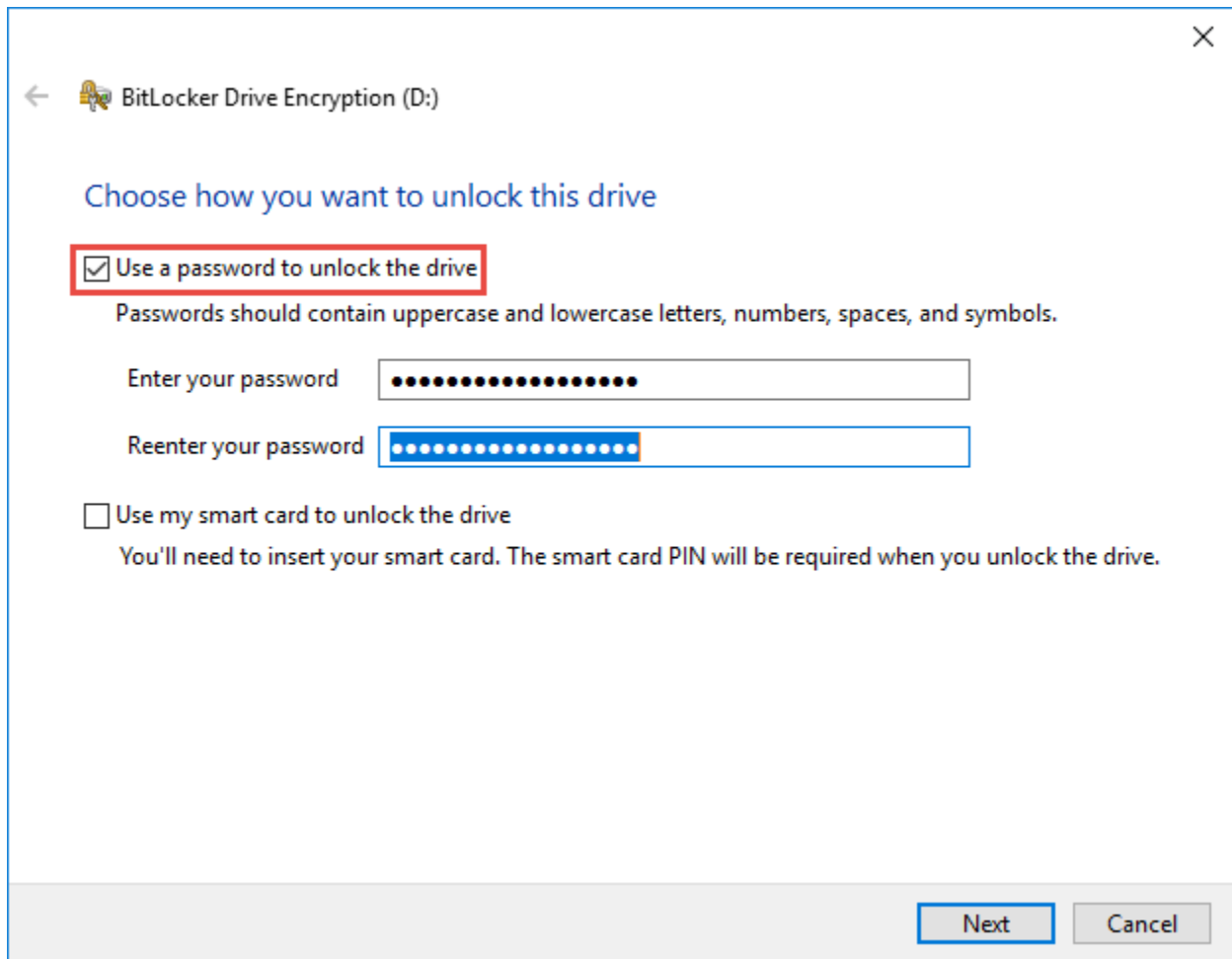


How to encrypt an external USB drive using BitLocker in Windows

1. Plug in the USB drive you want to Encrypt.
2. Open My Computer, right click on the USB drive and click on **Turn on BitLocker**.



3. Check mark the first option **Use a password to unlock the drive** and then enter the password and click on Next.



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Choose how you want to unlock this drive

Use a password to unlock the drive

Passwords should contain uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, spaces, and symbols.

Enter your password

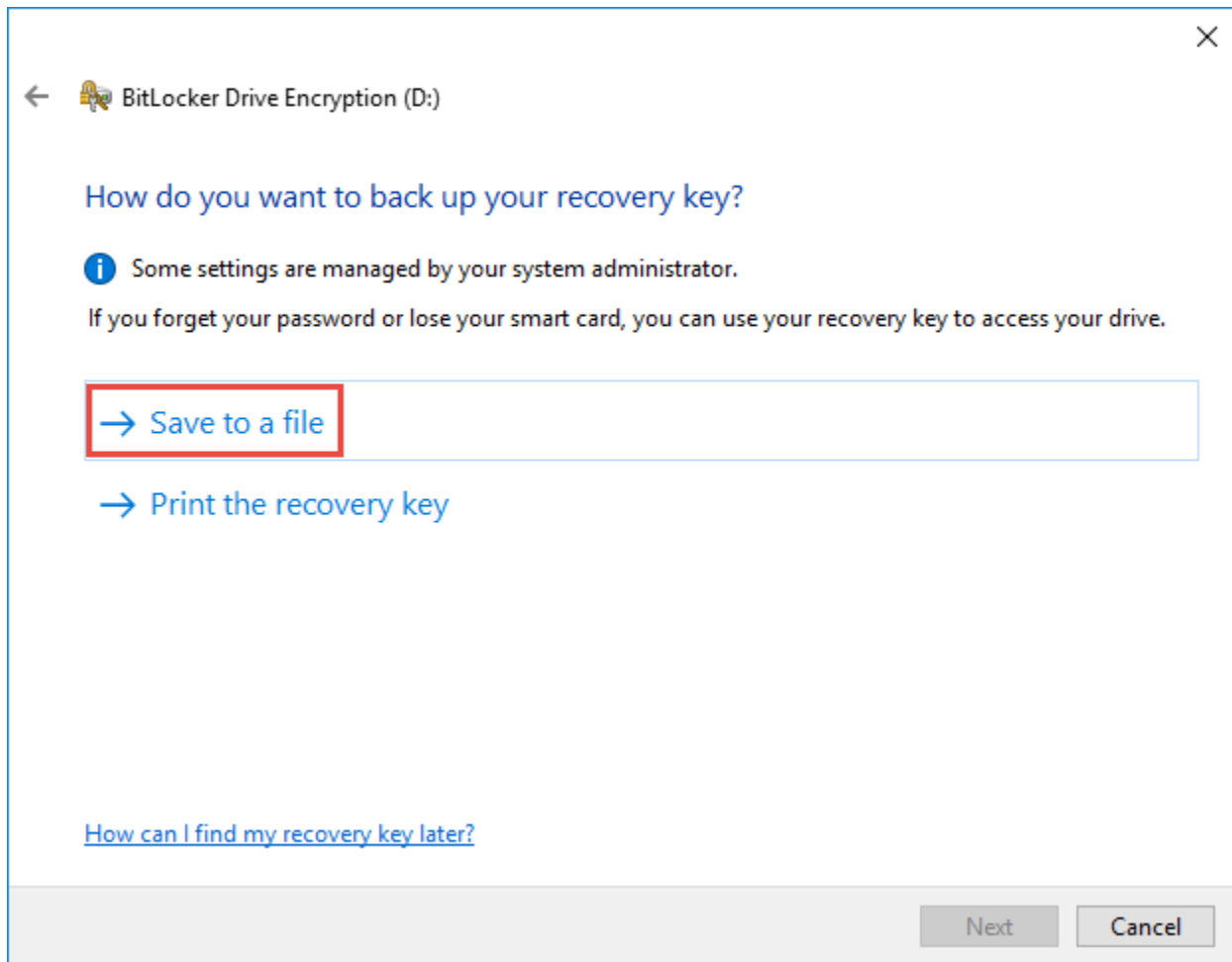
Reenter your password

Use my smart card to unlock the drive

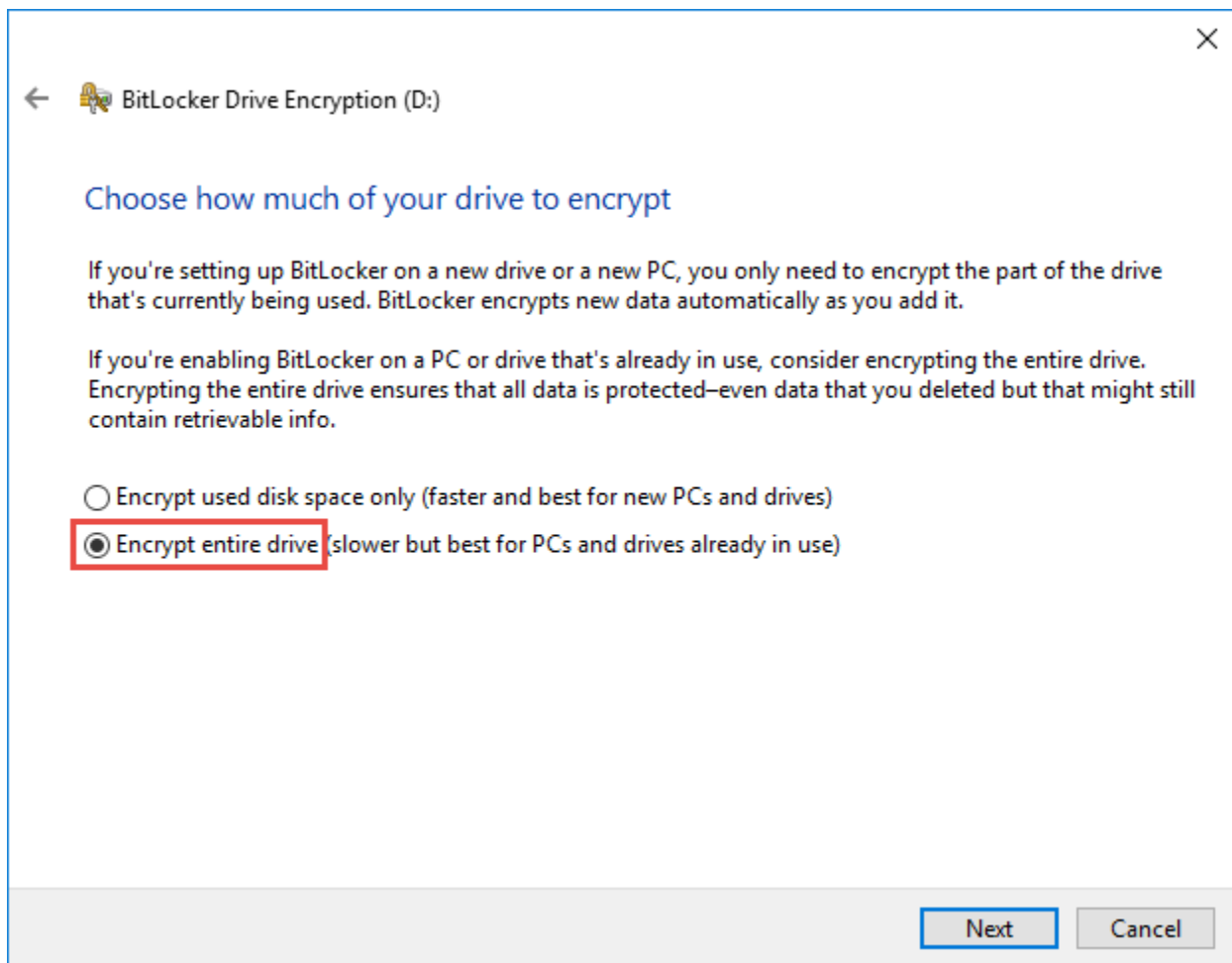
You'll need to insert your smart card. The smart card PIN will be required when you unlock the drive.

Next Cancel

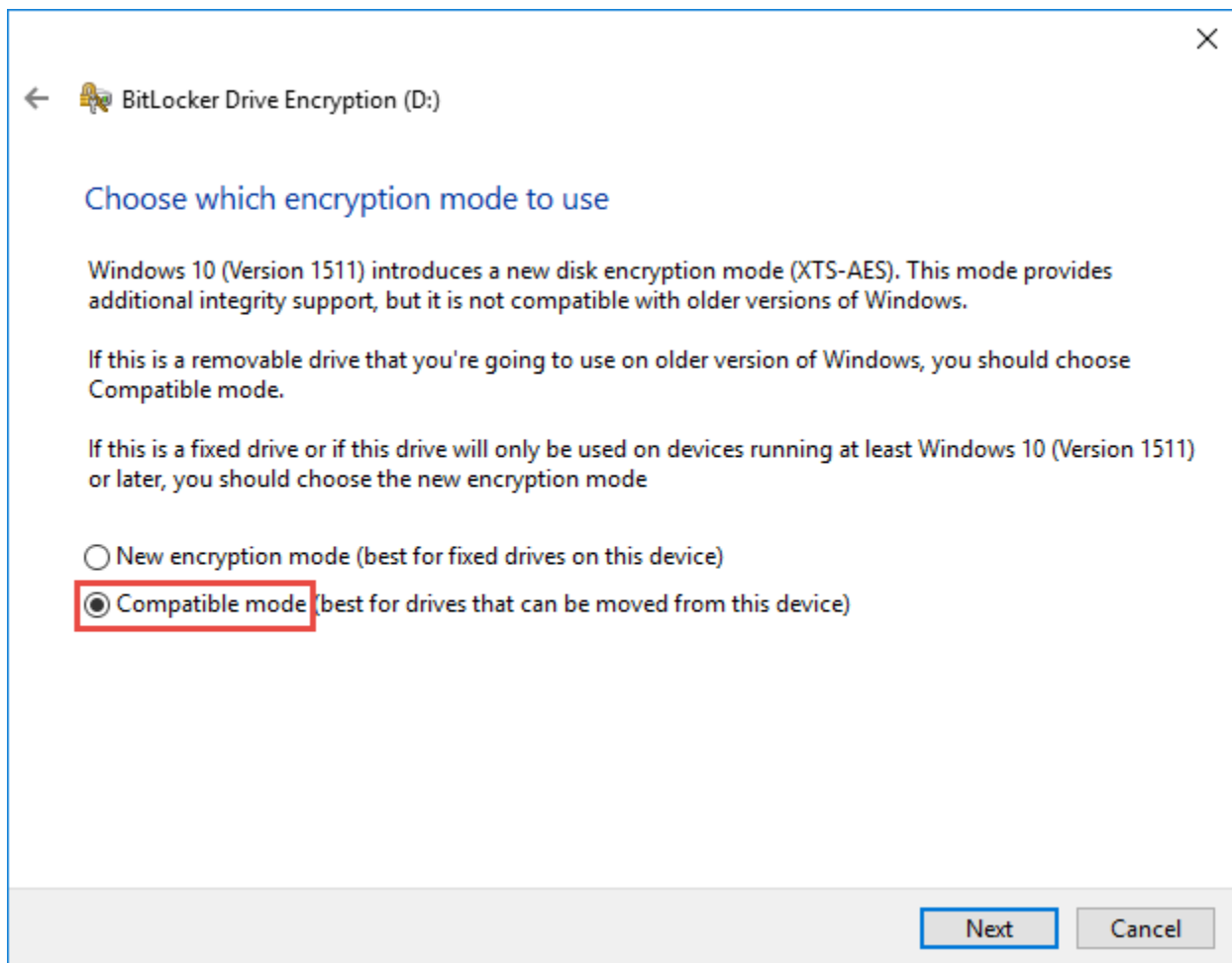
4. In this step, you need to save your recovery key in a safe location. This key will be required to access your drive in case you forget your password. Click on **Save to a file** to store the key and then click on Next.



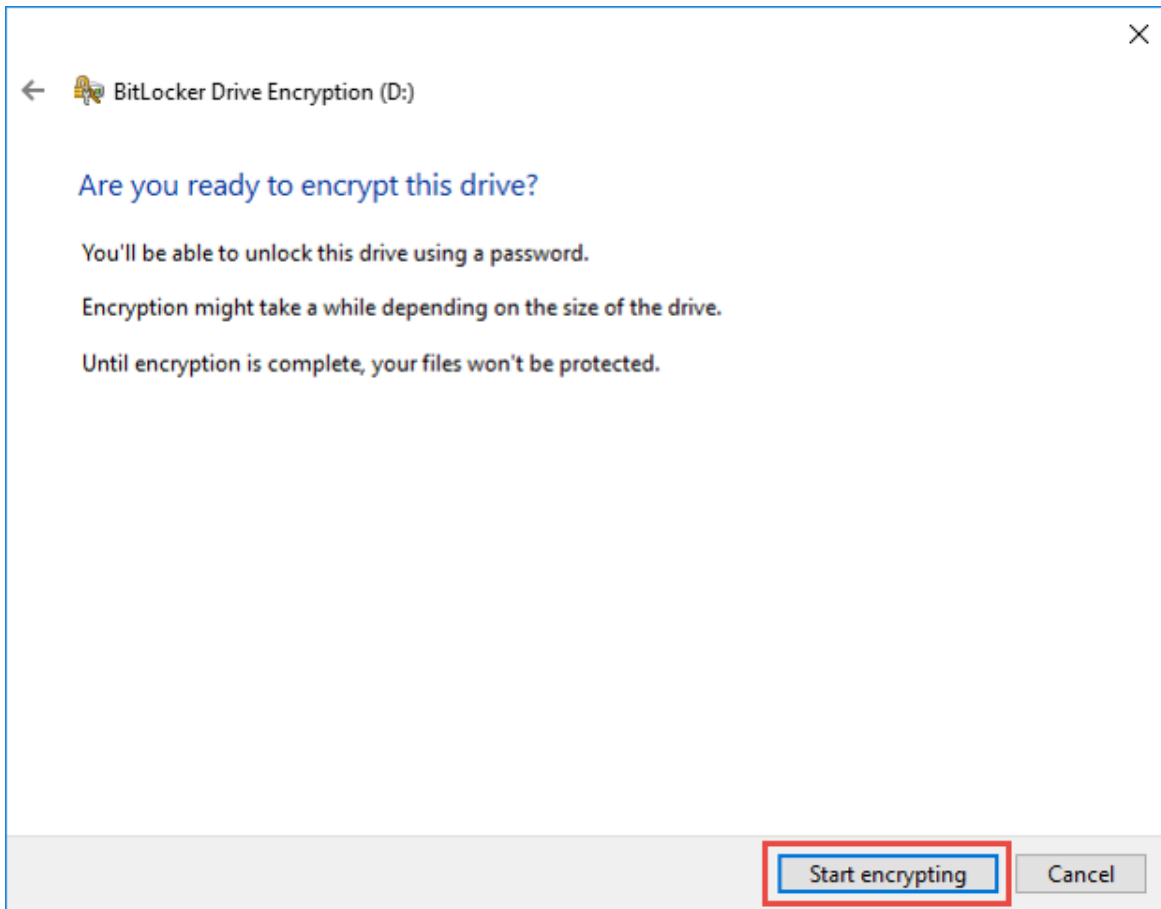
5. Select the option **Encrypt entire drive** and click Next.



6. Select **Compatible mode** and click Next.



7. Click on **Start encrypting** to begin the encryption process. The time taken will vary depending on the size of the disk.



8. Once the encryption process is finished, unplug the USB drive and plug it in again, you will notice that this time you will be asked for a password to access the drive. Your device is now encrypted.

