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Executive Overview: Microsoft WPP & Konica Minolta Readiness

What is Windows Protected Print (WPP)?
- A new secure print mode in Windows 11 that eliminates legacy print drivers
- Uses Microsoft's IPP Class Driver for universal, driverless printing
- Enforces modern security hardening (encrypted channels, reduced privilege spooler, driver blocklisting).

Why It Matters
- Security: Blocks decades of print driver vulnerabilities
- Simplicity: No more driver management
- Future-Proofing: Aligns with Microsoft's print driver deprecation timeline (2026–2027).

How Customers Benefit Today
- IPPS (IPP over HTTPS) printing is already supported on Konica Minolta bizhub i-Series
- Customers can enable WPP mode now and enjoy:
    - Encrypted job submission (TLS 1.2/1.3)
    - Driverless setup via Windows auto-discovery
    - Core feature coverage (duplex, finishing if supported by IPP attributes).

What's Coming Next
- Konica Minolta Print Support App (PSA) will be released in Oct/Nov 2025 via the Microsoft Store
- Adds advanced features on top of the secure IPP Class Driver path:
    - Finishing options
    - Secure print release

Strategic Message
- Konica Minolta devices are future-ready for Microsoft WPP today with IPPS printing
- With PSA arriving in Fall 2025, customers will enjoy both maximum security and advanced functionality in Microsoft's next-generation print infrastructure.