CHEAT SHEET

How to take a screenshot on Windows 11: every method, and where the files go

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QUICK REFERENCE

Win + Shift + S	An area, a window or the full screen, your choice	Clipboard, and saved to Pictures\Screenshots
PrtScn	Opens the same Snipping Tool overlay on current Windows 11 (see the setting below)	Same as above
Win + PrtScn	The whole screen	Saved to Pictures\Screenshots
Alt + PrtScn	The active window only	Clipboard
Win + Alt + PrtScn	The active app, through Xbox Game Bar	Saved to Videos\Captures
Win + Shift + R	A video recording of an area, with Snipping Tool	Videos\Screen Recordings
Win + Alt + R	A video recording of the current app, with Game Bar	Videos\Captures

WHERE SCREENSHOTS ARE SAVED

Win + Shift + S or PrtScn (overlay)	Clipboard, plus Pictures\Screenshots if automatic saving is on
Win + PrtScn	Pictures\Screenshots
Alt + PrtScn, or PrtScn with the setting off	Clipboard only
Game Bar screenshots and recordings	Videos\Captures
Snipping Tool recordings	Videos\Screen Recordings