

# How to Fix the Vanguard VAN 57 Error in League of Legends and Get Back Into the Game

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### Quick answer

To fix the Vanguard VAN 57 error in League of Legends, start by restarting your PC and running the Riot Client as an administrator. If the issue persists, uninstall both Riot Vanguard and League of Legends, then perform a clean reinstall of both to ensure all files are properly set up.

VAN 57 means Riot Vanguard isn't running. Riot's official fix for League of Legends starts with a simple PC restart. If that doesn't work, you'll need to uninstall both Riot Vanguard and the game, then do a clean reinstall.

### Method 1: Restart Windows and the Riot Client

1. Close League of Legends and the Riot Client completely.
2. Open Task Manager and end any Riot-related processes still running.
3. Restart your PC.
4. After Windows loads, open the Riot Client again and launch League of Legends.

This is what Riot recommends trying first for VAN 57.

### Method 2: Run the Riot Client as Administrator

1. Close the Riot Client.
2. Right-click the Riot Client shortcut.
3. Select Properties .
4. Open the Compatibility tab.
5. Enable Run this program as an administrator .
6. Click Apply , then OK .
7. Launch the Riot Client again and start League.

Riot calls this out specifically for launch and connection issues, so it's worth trying if the basic restart didn't help.

### Method 3: Repair the Game Files

1. Open the Riot Client .
2. Click your profile icon in the upper-right corner.
3. Select Settings .
4. Choose League of Legends .
5. Click Repair and let the tool finish.
6. Restart the PC after the repair if prompted.

If Vanguard's there but League has corrupted or missing files, Riot's repair tool should catch them.

## Method 4: Reinstall Riot Vanguard Properly

1. Close League of Legends and the Riot Client .
2. Open Settings > Apps > Installed apps .
3. Find Riot Vanguard .
4. Click Uninstall and confirm.
5. Restart your PC.
6. Launch the Riot Client and then start League of Legends. This triggers Vanguard installation again.
7. After Vanguard finishes installing, restart the PC one more time .
8. Launch League again.

Here's how Riot's reinstall process works: uninstall Vanguard, restart, launch the Riot Client so Vanguard reinstalls itself, then restart again so the Vanguard services load properly.

## Method 5: Reinstall League of Legends if Vanguard Reinstall Didn't Help

1. Close the Riot Client .
2. Open Settings > Apps > Installed apps .
3. Uninstall League of Legends .
4. Reboot the PC if Windows asks you to.
5. Install League again through the Riot Client .
6. Let the install finish fully before launching the game.

When VAN 57 won't go away, Riot recommends uninstalling both Vanguard and the game, then doing a fresh install. One thing to keep in mind: uninstalling League doesn't automatically remove Vanguard if you still have VALORANT installed, since VALORANT uses the same anti-cheat system.

## Method 6: Do a Clean Boot if Something's Blocking Vanguard

1. Press Win + R , type msconfig , and press Enter .
2. Open the Services tab.
3. Check Hide all Microsoft services .
4. Click Disable all .
5. Open the Startup tab and click Open Task Manager .
6. Disable non-essential startup apps.
7. Restart the PC.
8. Launch the Riot Client and try League again.

Riot suggests a clean boot when Vanguard might be getting blocked by another background process. This is especially helpful when Vanguard's installed but just won't stay active.

## Method 7: Check Security Software and Firewall Interference

1. Temporarily disable any third-party antivirus or security suite.
2. If you use a third-party firewall, temporarily disable it for testing.
3. Add exceptions for the Riot Client , League of Legends , and Riot Vanguard .
4. Restart the PC and test the game again.

Quote: Only disable security software for troubleshooting. Re-enable it after testing.

Both Riot's launch and connection troubleshooting guides mention firewall or background security tools as potential blockers.

## What to Do if Nothing Works

1. Run the Riot Repair Tool or gather logs using Riot's support tools.
2. Submit a support ticket to Riot with the logs attached.

If restarting and reinstalling don't solve the problem, Riot's guidance is to contact support. Their repair and log collection tools are the quickest way to give them the diagnostics they need.

## Why This Happens

VAN 57 shows up when Riot Vanguard isn't active when League tries to start. In most cases, that means one of four things is going on:

- Vanguard didn't load at boot.
- Its files or service got corrupted.
- Another background app or security tool is interfering with it.
- The game installation itself is damaged and can't communicate with Vanguard properly.

That's why Riot's fix order starts with a restart, then moves to reinstalling Vanguard, and finally reinstalling the game if you need to.

## Fastest Fix Order

1. Restart the PC.
2. Run the Riot Client as administrator.
3. Use the Riot Client Repair option.
4. Uninstall and reinstall Riot Vanguard .
5. Reinstall League of Legends .
6. Clean boot Windows and test again.
7. Send Riot logs through support if the error still remains.