Lock Down Your Home Wi-Fi Router

Your router connects everything in your home. If it's weak, every phone, camera and smart TV is at risk.

Five-minute checklist

- **Change the router's admin password** from the one printed on the sticker.
- Use **WPA3** (or WPA2 if that's all you have) and a long Wi-Fi password.
- **Turn on automatic firmware updates** in the router's app or settings page.
- Turn off **WPS** and **remote management** unless you really need them.
- Create a **guest network** for visitors and for smart home devices.

Good to know

- Routers older than about 5 to 7 years may no longer get security updates. Check the maker's website.
- If your internet company owns the router, call them to make sure it's up to date.
- Avoid banking on public Wi-Fi unless you use your phone's cellular data or a trusted VPN.

Not sure where to start? Bring your router's brand and model to a free Netivo session: **(913) 349-3363**.