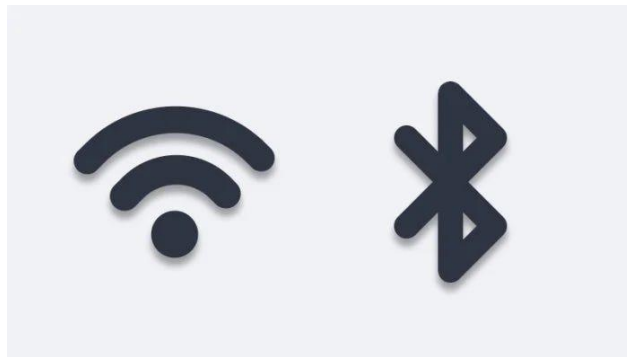




Protect Your Wireless Connections and Bluetooth Devices



Wi-Fi Security Tips

Wi-Fi is often the easiest way to connect to the internet, but it's important to ensure it's protected. If you're not careful, hackers may quickly access your connection and compromise sensitive information stored on your device and in online accounts. Here are some steps you can take to minimize the risk:

- **Check the validity of available Wi-Fi hotspots.** If more than one hotspot appears claiming to belong to an establishment that you're in, check with the staff to avoid connecting to an imposter hotspot.
- **Make sure all websites you exchange information with have "https"** at the beginning of the web address. If so, your transmitted data will be encrypted.
- **Adjust your smartphone's settings so it does not automatically connect to nearby Wi-Fi networks.** This gives you more control over where and when you connect.
- **When transmitting sensitive information,** using your cellphone data plan instead of Wi-Fi may be more secure.

Bluetooth Security Tips

Bluetooth makes it easy to connect your devices, but it's important to use it safely.

- **Turn Off Bluetooth When Not in Use :** Keeping Bluetooth on all the time can expose your device to hackers. Turn it off when you're not using it.
- **Unpair from Devices After Use:** If you connect to a rental car or other shared device, always unpair your phone before you leave, especially if sensitive information (like call logs) was transferred.
- **Use Hidden Mode:** Set your Bluetooth to "hidden" mode, so it's not discoverable by other devices.

Your home network is another potential weak spot for hackers. Follow these tips to lock it down:

- **Turn On Encryption:** Make sure your router's encryption is activated (it might be off by default).
- **Change Default Network Name (SSID):** Change your router's default name to something unique, but avoid using personal information.
- **Use Strong Passwords:** Change the default router password to something longer and more secure.
- **Use MAC Address Filtering:** Set your router to only allow devices with recognized MAC addresses to connect, adding an extra layer of protection.
- **Turn Off Your Router When Not in Use :** If you're away from home for a while, turn off your router to prevent unauthorized access.

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