SECURING YOUR WIRELESS NETWORK

How to use your router to lock down your home WiFi network to protect your devices and safeguard your information.

LOGGING IN TO A ROUTER

1 ENSURE that your computer is connected to the network.

2 FIND your router's local IP address on a sticker on the router or its manual (or Google "IP address").
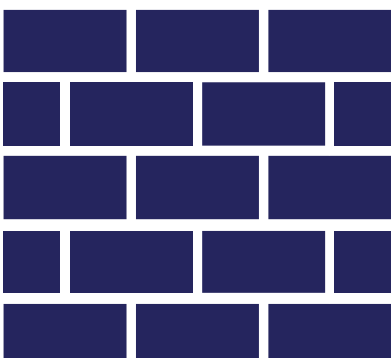
An IP address looks like this: 72.200.240.216.

3 OPEN a web browser and type the IP address into the address bar.

4 ENTER your administrative login information (located on a sticker on the router).

5 CHANGE the admin password.

ENABLING YOUR ROUTER'S FIREWALL

1 LOG IN to your router.

2 LOOK for a page titled Security or Firewall.

3 FIND the entry labeled Firewall and click Enable.

4 CLICK Save and Apply.

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ENABLING WPA

WEP, WPA, and WPA2 use data encryption to protect your wireless network from intruders.

| | Wireless | |
| Security | | |

Security Mode:

WPA2 Personal ▾

1 **LOG IN** to your router.
2 **CLICK** the Wireless page.
3 **SELECT** WPA2 or WPA if available, or select WEP if not.
4 **CREATE** a network password.
5 **CLICK** Save or Reply.
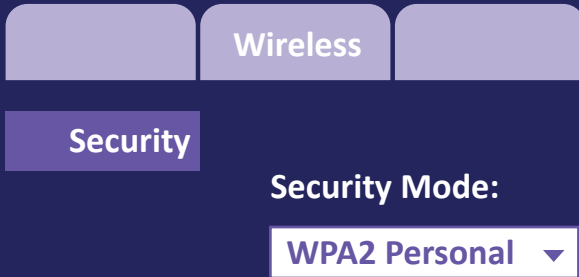
CHANGING THE NETWORK NAME

An SSID (service set identifier) is the name you see when connecting to wireless networks.

1 **LOG IN** to your router.
2 **CLICK** the Wireless page.
3 **FIND** the box for changing the Network Name (SSID) or password.

| | Wireless | |
| Settings | | |

Network Name:

Home Wi-Fi

HIDING AN SSID

With broadcasting disabled, someone attempting to connect to the network would need to know both the SSID and the network password.

1 **LOG IN** to your router.
2 **CLICK** the Wireless page.
3 **DISABLE** SSID Broadcast.

| | Wireless | |
| Settings | | |

SSID Broadcast:
○ Enabled
◉ Disabled

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