

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME SECURITY

- **Change default router login credentials:** Change the default username and password of your router to a strong and unique one to prevent hackers from accessing your network.
- **Keep firmware and software up-to-date:** Regularly update the firmware and software of your routers and other connected devices to protect against the latest threats.
- **Use strong passwords:** Use strong passwords that are at least 12 characters long and consist of a combination of numbers, letters, and symbols to prevent brute-force attacks.
- **Use WPA3 encryption:** Use Wi-Fi Protected Access 3 (WPA3) encryption on your Wi-Fi network to enhance security and protect against unauthorized access.
- **Disable WPS:** Disable Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) as it can allow unauthorized devices to connect to your network.
- **Set up a guest network:** Set up a separate guest network for visitors to access the internet without accessing your main network.
- **Enable firewall:** Enable firewall on your router and all connected devices to block unauthorized access to your network.
- **Disable remote management:** Disable remote management to prevent unauthorized access to your router.
- **Use a VPN:** Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to encrypt your internet traffic and protect your privacy.
- **Enable Two-Factor Authentication:** Enable two-factor authentication for all accounts and devices that support it to add an extra layer of security and prevent unauthorized access.
- **Set up parental controls:** Set up parental controls on all devices that your children use to restrict access to inappropriate content and websites.
- **Install antivirus software:** Install antivirus software on all devices and keep it updated to protect against malware and viruses.
- **Monitor online activities:** Regularly monitor your children's online activities and have open and honest conversations with them about online safety and risks.
- **Use content filters:** Set up content filters to block specific types of content or websites that you deem inappropriate.
- **Review privacy settings:** Regularly review and adjust privacy settings on all social media accounts and online services that your children use to protect their privacy.

SOFTWARE EXAMPLES

There are various software resources available for children's online protection. Here are some popular ones:

- **Norton Family:** Norton Family is a parental control software that helps parents supervise their children's online activities and set limits on their screen time. It also allows parents to block inappropriate websites and track their children's location.
- **Kaspersky Safe Kids:** Kaspersky Safe Kids is a parental control software that allows parents to monitor their children's online activities, set screen time limits, and block inappropriate content. It also provides real-time alerts when their children attempt to access restricted content.
- **Qustodio:** Qustodio is a parental control software that allows parents to monitor their children's online activities, set screen time limits, and block inappropriate content. It also provides location tracking and social media monitoring features.
- **Mobicip:** Mobicip is a parental control software that allows parents to filter content and set time limits for their children's online activities. It also provides real-time monitoring and reporting features.
- **Net Nanny:** Net Nanny is a parental control software that allows parents to filter content and block inappropriate websites. It also provides screen time management and location tracking features.
- **Bark:** Bark's affordable, award-winning dashboard proactively monitors text messages, YouTube, emails, and 30+ different social networks for potential safety concerns, so busy parents can save time and gain peace of mind.

HELPFUL LINKS

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

“Our step-by-step parental controls guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.”

<https://blog.cloudflare.com/introducing-1-1-1-1-for-families/>

“1-1-1-1 for Families: the easiest way to add a layer of protection to your home network and protect it from malware and adult content.”