

What can you do to minimize the risks to your wireless network? Most network devices, including wireless access points, are pre-configured with default administrator passwords to simplify setup. These default passwords are easily available to obtain online, and so provide only marginal protection. Consult your user documentation for specific information about enabling these features. Changing default passwords makes it harder for attackers to access a device. (See Choosing and Protecting Passwords.)

Restrict access. You can restrict access to your network by filtering these MAC addresses. Change default passwords. Use and periodic changing of complex passwords is your first line of defense in protecting your device. Only allow authorized users to access your network. Each piece of hardware connected to a network has a media access control (MAC) address.