Simple Choices to Help Ensure You’re Secure

BY WINTEK

“What’s your WiFi password?”

After your address (and maybe where the bathroom is), it’s the most crucial info for someone visiting your digs for the first time. It’s the password to the networks you have created for your guests, your family, and your staff. Each network has a name, or “SSID,” that many hackers figure out how to exploit it… especially if they haven’t changed the default password to something they can’t easily access online. A password that's easy to remember (even if you have a perfect playlist, tasty snacks, distinctively identified network name and unique, randomized access password?) is well worth the effort to give them away in times of need.

Custom network names offer a good laugh and protection from malware attacks, handset theft and more. Default network names can reveal your router’s make and model, which can help hackers figure out how to exploit it… especially if you haven’t changed the default password to ensure your WiFi. The password is...

... not the one printed on your router (if you’re doing it right). Always change your default WiFi access password, which can be easily accessed online. A password that’s easy to find is no password at all.

Good password rules elsewhere apply here, too. Keep in mind:

• Don’t copy: Create a password that you’re not using for any other purpose.
• Randomize: Switch up lower- and uppercase letters, numbers and symbols.
• Go long: Something with 12 characters or more.
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Carbon monoxide can be an invisible threat, that have carbon monoxide detector built into it,” he said. “The big thing though, if you don’t have a combo unit, is testing both detectors to make sure they are in proper working order. A lot of the new detectors last for around 5 years, you can throw it away and buy a new one. The dual detectors for smoke and carbon monoxide can run between $25 and $50 depending on how long they are expected to last.

If you’re unsure what kind of detectors are in your rental unit, Bucinski said residents should check with their landlords as most apartments and rentals go through routine checks. Joshy Gispel, shift captain for PUFD, said the vast majority of university buildings are run on steam heat. But that doesn’t mean the university doesn’t run the risk of selling off a carbon monoxide detector.

“Gas odors are reported periodically on campus, but those are mostly due to labs and the like, so PID can have a few calls per year,” Bucinski said. “Actually, we had a carbon monoxide call last weekend from a detector that went off in an RV that wasってる, which is installation is now part of regulations for manufacturing RV, but it just turned out the detector needed recharged.”

Carbon monoxide can be an invisible threat, detectors help ensure your WiFi is secure year-round!

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Save a life with your own two hands

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Hands-only CPR simplifies the CPR process to involve only chest compressions, as opposed to combined chest compressions and breathing into a mouth. The American Red Cross recommends that at least one other person in a household be trained in life-saving CPR and first aid. Classes are available locally, and can be found by visiting redcross.org. The site also contains a useful training guide and videos for hands-only CPR. Just visit redcross.org and search for hands-only CPR.