

Staying Safe At Home

Regularly check your financial institution and credit bureau for strange activity

Use separate and secure passwords across all your online accounts

Use long passwords with a mix of upper/lower letters, digits, characters

Use a password manager to store them securely (for example, LastPass)

On each of your mobile devices, in Settings ...

Turn off the option to auto-connect to unknown/open wireless networks

Install iOS/Android updates as soon as possible, for security patches

Enable screen auto-locking

On your wireless access point (AP)

Change the default administrator username/password

Turn on network encryption (WPA2 is the current standard)

Change the factory-installed network name (also known as the SSID) and turn off broadcasting of the network name

Place the AP away from windows and exterior walls, to prevent how far the wireless signal reaches outside the house

Regularly check for and install security patches on you AP and computers

Enable firewall services on you AP and computers

Turn the AP off if it won't be used for a while

To learn about these tasks, consult the owner's manual or search online for the AP's administrator tips (for example, "linksys ac1200 admin")