

# Security Tip of the Week

## Internet Security Risks & Their Fixes

We all love the internet. It is easy to access and provides us with an infinite amount of information. But the internet wasn't made with security in mind. There are a lot of things that we do that open us and our private information to hackers, scammers and computer viruses.

Here are 6 security risks and what you can do to fix them.

**1: Leaving your Wi-Fi unprotected - FIX:** Always password protect your wireless router and change the default password on your wireless router when you first set it up.

**2: Not enabling your firewall - FIX:** Every computer should come with a free, built-in firewall. Activate your firewall by going into your security settings and turning it on.

**3: Opening emails from strangers - FIX:** Never open an email from a suspicious sender. Update your anti-virus software frequently.

**4: Download and Install torrent files - FIX:** This one is easy. Don't use torrent or p2p sites to download software, music, or movies. It could save you hundreds of thousands of dollars in the long run.

**5: Not installing system updates - FIX:** Just do it. Update your software frequently. You will appreciate the time it takes in the long run.

**6: Not password protecting your hardware- FIX:** Require a password to be entered to unlock a device, to wake it up, or whenever you turn it on.

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