

Wireless Warning

With the rapid growth in the use of wireless routers in our homes, one should remember that unless the WEP (password protection for your wireless network) is set, anyone with a laptop within several metres of your house could log onto your internet connection and could even in certain circumstances get into any files on your hard drive that are set as shared.

Whilst letting the odd person connect through your connection to check their email isn't a problem, if that person was to access illegal sites like child pornography or the like, it is **YOU** that will get the visit from the police and possibly have your computer taken away for inspection, whilst the culprit has disappeared into the distance.

The best way to check is to open the "Wireless Connections" on the computer that you connect to the wireless router on and check that your connection says "Security enabled wireless network"

If not you need to log into your wireless router and go to the **Wireless LAN** menu

Then go to the **Security Settings** menu and set a **WEP** code.

At the weekend I sat in my garden and was able to log into someone else's network, If I had been a hacker I could have done almost anything.

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