



# Home Gadget Checklist

Walk through your house with this sheet. Most fixes take a few minutes in each device's app or settings.

## 1. Check the internet box first

It is the front door for every other device. Open your provider's app or the router's settings page (the address is usually on a label on the box).

- ☐ The router's admin password is changed from the one printed on the label.
- ☐ Automatic updates are on, or I checked for an update today.
- ☐ Wi-Fi security is set to WPA3, or WPA2/WPA3 if older devices need it.
- ☐ A separate **guest Wi-Fi** network is on, with its own password, and guests cannot see our other devices.
- ☐ Remote management, WPS, and UPnP are off unless we know we need them.

## 2. Walk through every connected gadget

| Device                              | Password changed         | Updates on               | Privacy settings checked | On guest Wi-Fi           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Internet box / router               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smart TV and streaming sticks       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Video doorbell and security cameras | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smart speakers and displays         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Game consoles                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Baby monitor                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smart plugs, lights, thermostat     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other:                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**Tip:** Moving TVs, speakers, and plugs to the guest network limits what a hacked gadget can reach. If casting or printing stops working, move just that one device back.

Sources: FTC, How to Secure Your Home Wi-Fi Network; NSA, Best Practices for Securing Your Home Network.