

Crime prevention advice for #WiFiSavvy Campaign



Wi-Fi has arguably been one of the greatest advancements in technology in recent years but it is also one of the most vulnerable as it opens up gateways for cyber criminals on a range of levels. When we think of Wi-Fi we often think of the routers at home and work but increasingly, businesses providing a service in particular, offer Wi-Fi to customers.

Public Wi-Fi raises a range of questions which should be looked into especially if you are a business owner including:

- Is your router regularly updated?
- Is your router well encrypted?
- Do customers require a password to log onto your router?

If you are a business operating away from the premises, there are a number of ways in which you can secure your systems and devices. Please see the 'Public Wi-Fi' advice sheet for more details.

Warwickshire County Council's #WiFiSavvy Campaign

Warwickshire County Council is working with Trading Standards and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to promote the safe use of Public Wi-Fi. The Campaign aims to help businesses increase their security but also enables them to offer a more secure place for customers to do their browsing. As a business you will need to acknowledge the following:

- We have changed the admin password of our router from its default setting.
- We have disabled remote management to the router completely.
- We are committed to using reliable encryption (WPA2 as minimum)
- We ensure that our router is regularly updated with its latest software.

We will supply an advice sheet if your business requires assistance in adhering to these.

If your business adheres to the above, we will provide a poster and window sticker which can be displayed to show that you have taken steps to make your Wi-Fi more secure and also has advice for customers when using Wi-Fi.

If you as a business follow/would like to follow the 4 simple steps outlined above and would like to receive a poster and window sticker to promote the fact that you are thinking of your customers' online security please get in touch via the contact details on the Warwickshire Business Watch website.

