

# Pro Tip: WPA3 Update

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Recently, I learned that some HP printers now have WPA3 security. However, not all HP printers list WPA as a feature.

In this edition, I will explain the differences between WPA2 and WPA3 and share the current list of HP printers that support WPA3.

# **WPA3 Update**

The following HP printers were recently updated to have WPA3 security:

- HP OfficeJet Pro 8135e
- HP OfficeJet Pro 8139e
- HP OfficeJet Pro 9125e
- HP OfficeJet Pro 9135e
- HP OfficeJet Pro 9110b

- HP LaserJet Pro 4001dw
- HP LaserJet Pro 4101fdw
- HP Laserjet Pro 4201dw
- HP LaserJet Pro 4301fdw

# What is WPA3: Next Gen WiFi Security

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• Latest Wi-Fi security standard.

# **Key Features:**

- Stronger Encryption
- Better Protection against Password Attacks
- Individual Data Encryption
- Improved Public Wi-Fi Security

## **Benefits:**

- Stronger data protection
- More secure connections

## **Modes:**

- WPA3-Personal
- WPA3-Enterprise

# WPA3 offers several improvements over WPA2

# **Stronger Security**:

WPA3 offers better protection with tougher encryption, making it harder for hackers to break into your Wi-Fi network.

# **Improved Privacy**:

Even if someone cracks your Wi-Fi password, they can't access the data from past sessions with WPA3, unlike WPA2.

### **Easier Device Connection:**

WPA3 makes it simpler to connect smart home devices (like smart bulbs or doorbells) by using QR codes for a quick and secure setup.

### **Better Defense:**

WPA3 is better at blocking repeated attempts to guess your password, unlike WPA2, which might let hackers keep trying until they get it.

# **Personalized Security:**

WPA3 gives each device its own unique encryption key, adding an extra layer of security.

In short, WPA3 is like upgrading from a regular lock to a high-tech security system for your Wi-Fi.

# **Backwards Compatibility**

- WPA3 is backwards compatible with WPA2.
- This means that WPA3 routers can still connect with devices that only support WPA2.
- However, the connection will use WPA2 security rather than the enhanced WPA3 features.
- So, you can use your new WPA3 router with older devices, but you'll only get the full benefits of WPA3 when both the router and the device support it.

# Where to look for WPA3 compatibility

- The best place to look is on PCB.
- Here is an example of the HP OfficeJet Pro 9125e Printer

