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First Major Upgrade to WiFi in a Decade

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The current standard for WiFi connection security, WPA2, has been in place for over a decade now and is currently our most secure option but WPA3 appears to be on the horizon. The organization that certifies the WiFi protocol (WiFi Alliance) is beginning to certify WPA3 which means it is on its way down the product pipeline. This is a new protocol that is in the early stages of product development and will be coming into the market place over the next few years.

Not only is WiFi security getting an upgrade but the WiFi standard itself is also getting revised with a new version (802.11ax). This new standard will increase potential speeds as any new iteration of technology tends to do as well as manage multiple device connections better, meaning less signal loss or drops when having many devices connected to one router and possibly increasing capacity of wireless access points.

What does this mean for our current wireless setups? Nothing, at least immediately. Like any new technology it must go through testing and roll out phases and then be adopted by major hardware manufacturers to be included with new computers, smart phones, tablets, routers, wireless access points, etc. which is likely a couple of years down the road. If any of our clients have any questions regarding this information or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us at 866-9MH-TECH or email support@mhconsults.com



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