

Security Concerns With Windows 10 New Release



Microsoft is releasing Windows 10 today as a free upgrade to users running Windows 7 or Windows 8.1. One item everyone needs to understand about this upgrade is that Windows 10 will automatically share your WiFi password with people in your Outlook and Skype contact lists. The password will be encrypted so these people won't be able to read the password, but it will allow them to automatically sign into your wireless network.

WiFi password sharing could be a risk to you as a club owner if you have setup a wireless network for your internal use and don't want anyone else to use it. An example would be a club with two networks – one for employees, and one for members. If you have your members as Outlook or Skype contacts, they will be able to log into your employee WiFi network.

If you have a wireless network and you don't want to have anyone else logging into it, we recommend you rename the WiFi network name and append “_optout” to it. Your WiFi network name will look like this: “oldnetworkname_optout”. By appending “_optout” to your WiFi network name automatic password sharing will be disabled.

Additional Information:

Krebs on Security: <http://goo.gl/mtJEsU>

Microsoft OptOut: <http://goo.gl/IxTx6u>