

PRINTABLE GUIDE

Connect your phone to home Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi connects your phone to a nearby network, which still needs working internet service. Start with your own network or one confirmed by its owner.

iPhone or Android | 2 min read | 5 steps

Before you start

- ☐ A phone with Wi-Fi
- ☐ The correct network name
- ☐ The network's Wi-Fi password
- ☐ Permission to use that network

1. Open the Wi-Fi controls

iPhone: open Settings and Wi-Fi. Android: open Settings and look for Internet, Network & internet or Connections, then Wi-Fi. Switch Wi-Fi on. Menu wording depends on the Android phone maker.

- ☐ Done this step

2. Choose the right network

Compare the listed name with your router label or the details given by the network owner. Similar names can be misleading. Tap the exact network you intend to use; a lock symbol means a password is required.

- ☐ Done this step

3. Enter the network password

Type it carefully, including capital letters and symbols, then choose Join or Connect. This is the Wi-Fi password, not necessarily the router administration password or your email password. Use Show password briefly if needed and private.

☐ Done this step

4. Confirm the connection

Look for Connected or a check mark beside the network. Then open a new page in your browser. A Wi-Fi symbol alone does not prove that the network has internet access; an already-open page may be stored locally.

☐ Done this step

5. Make one check if it fails

Recheck the name and password and move closer to the router. Test another device on the same network. If all devices fail, investigate the router or provider before changing lots of settings on the phone.

☐ Done this step

Try it for yourself

Connect to your own network, then open a website you were not already viewing.

☐ I tried the task.

My notes

Will I need to enter the password every time?

The phone usually remembers a saved network. A changed password, forgotten network or some public networks may require another sign-in.

Official help and the online guide

Google: connect to Wi-Fi - <https://support.google.com/android/answer/12759978?hl=en>

Apple: connect to Wi-Fi - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/111107>

Read online: <https://plaintech-guides.pages.dev/guides/join-home-wifi-phone/>