

# Printer Security Checklist



Are your  
all-in-one  
printers  
secure?

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- Use a firewall for your devices**  
The firewall blocks suspicious activity and protects the network from unauthorized access via the device. This firewall should be in addition to general network firewalls.
- Restrict access to printers, faxes, scanners and copiers**  
Devices should only be physically accessible to authorized staff in secure areas. Device or network settings should restrict access to specific users to prevent unauthorized access.
- Ensure only authorized users can access the devices**  
Printers, faxes, copiers and scanners or all-in-one devices can be accessed and used by anyone unless settings are modified to ensure only specified users access the device.
- Disable USB ports**  
USB keys can contain undetectable malware and corrupt the device. Users can also use USB ports to obtain data without authorization.
- Erase device hard drives periodically**  
Printers, copiers, faxes, scanners and multifunction devices can maintain copies of documents on their hard drives. Erase periodically to mitigate potential data loss.
- Implement SSL encryption for information transmission**  
Data needs to be secure in transmission and at rest on the device's hard drive. SSL provides the best form of encryption to protect information throughout its use.
- Monitor copiers, printers, scanners and faxes**  
Maintain audit trails that specify who used the device, what information was accessed, when it was accessed and the date and time accessed.
- Prohibit printing from non-company assets**  
Employees or guests should not be able to print using cellphones or personal computer devices. These devices can easily contain malware that can infect printers and other network components.