

A Smart Home is one that is outfitted with devices that are connected to the Internet, allowing homeowners to manage different household appliances or systems remotely. Examples include: remotely managing your thermostat, lights, blinds, vacuum cleaner; viewing feeds from your video doorbell device; and controlling coffee makers, refrigerators, water heaters, and other appliances remotely.

If it can be accessed remotely by you, there's a chance it can be hacked remotely by cybercriminals. However, there are ways to mitigate that risk.

Ensure your devices and appliances are protected. Most well-known brands meet network safety and security standards. When it comes to Smart Home devices, paying a little more for a device that is sure to be more protected is worth it.

Protect your Wi-Fi network. Typically, Smart Home devices will be connected to your router. Ensuring that you have strong password protection – and don't share that password with just anyone – will safeguard all those devices within the network.

Never use public Wi-Fi to access your Smart Home devices. Because you are able to connect with your devices remotely,



How to Keep Your Smart Home Safe

it may be tempting to just pull those connections up anytime, anywhere. But, if you use a non-secure public Wi-Fi network to do so, you are at much more risk of allowing cybercriminals to access all your devices, also.

Protect your smartphone's security.

Your smartphone is the key to accessing all those Smart Home devices. If it is stolen or hacked, a cybercriminal may now also have access to all those devices, and the data that goes along with them. If your smartphone is stolen, try to lock it with remote access as soon as possible. If you think your phone has been accessed, change the password.

Nuvera's experts can help you determine the security of your home network, along with speeds and connections, by performing a network assessment.

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Keeping You Connected Has Never Been More Important

Customers subscribing to Internet and TV will receive a full \$100 credit (\$50 for each service) for signing up. Weather permitting, customers will be asked to post a yard sign to earn the credit. Free installation with a 2-year commitment.

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Length of time with company: 23 years

One of my favorite hobbies: I really love to travel and one of my favorite places I've been to is Cozumel.

How I like to be involved in the community: I like to support the local businesses in Glencoe, where I live.

Richard Stoesz

Position: Cable Splicer

Length of time with company: 28 years

One of my favorite hobbies: Collecting old junk.

How I like to be involved in the community: I am a veteran and support the VFW.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to one of Nuvera's Customer Appreciation Grand Prize winners, Clair Gieseke (second from left), pictured with her son, Cody, and Nuvera Sales Associates Ryan Lohman and Shirley Edwards. Clair was randomly selected and won a Smart TV! Our other Grand Prize winner was Holly and Jason Gregor, Hutchinson, who won a year of free Internet service!

WHOA!!

Don't miss these great Nuvera Wireless offers

\$200	\$175	\$200
NEW CUSTOMER DEVICE CREDIT	CUSTOMER UPGRADE CREDIT	BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE CREDIT

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Offer good through 9/30/21. Customer gets a \$200 credit on any new 4G smartphone. Cannot be combined with other promotions nor used on plans 300 minutes or lower. Other exclusions may apply.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

A team of Nuvera employees cleaned up our portion of highway near New Ulm in early June. As a local company, Nuvera believes strongly in supporting community efforts.

What you're saying...

"Nuvera has reliable service. We have rarely had our service interrupted."

- Jessica A., Aurelia

"I like their customer service team. They are always so helpful over the phone and step you through what needs to be done to correct any problem."

- Connie H., Hutchinson

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Ask Our Experts

How Can I Keep My Computer Safe from Viruses?

Computer viruses are becoming sneakier, and once you contract one, the headache of ridding your computer of it and making it safe again is one that nobody has time for. It's best to be on the defense and stop one from ever entering your computer. Here are some virus-protection tips.



Pinkal Mistry
IT Field Service Technician

the mistake of using the same passwords over and over or using passwords that are incredibly easy to hack. There are many online tools to check the security of a password (i.e.: howsecureismypassword.net) as well as password managers to help you utilize a different password for every account and never forget any of them.

Be skeptical! If you are not sure whether or not to trust a link in an email, chances are you should not. Think twice about opening or clicking on anything that doesn't look right. You can often tell if a URL is legitimate by hovering your mouse over the link to see the full URL address.

Keep your security software up to date. When you get that pesky notification that it's time to update your computer, don't delay. Updates not only include extra features, but often they will improve your security net.

Make sure your firewall is working. Macs and PCs both have pre-installed firewalls, but it's a good idea to make sure it's enabled to ensure maximum protection.

Use a strong password. This is just a basic security measure, but many people make

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CONGRATULATIONS

2021 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to these 2021 high school graduates who were awarded the R.T. Rodenberg Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. The scholarship is in memory of the late R.T. Rodenberg, a former Nuvera board member, who had a strong belief that furthering one's education was the key to success.

