

Do you need a VPN at home?

Live guide: <https://cyberguardlab.com/blog/home-vpn-do-you-need-one>

Key points

- Usually you do not need a VPN on your own secured home Wi-Fi.
- Fix WPA2/WPA3, router admin password, firmware, and guest Wi-Fi before buying a VPN.
- A VPN encrypts a path; it does not stop phishing, malware, or fake apps.
- Consider a reputable VPN for public/hotel Wi-Fi, travel, or employer-required access.
- Avoid free/unknown VPN apps from ads; prefer known or employer-provided options.
- Banking at home: official apps/HTTPS + 2FA matter more than an always-on home VPN.

Quick FAQ

Do I need a VPN at home?

Usually no, if home Wi-Fi is encrypted and habits are solid. VPNs help more on public/travel networks or when required for work.

Does a VPN stop viruses?

No. It encrypts a path; it does not replace updates or antivirus/Defender.

Is banking at home safe without a VPN?

On your secured home network, official HTTPS/apps + strong authentication are the baseline. Fix Wi-Fi security first.

Independent US household comparison site. No product scores invented. Confirm details on official sources linked in the live guide.