

## Re: Using WEP encryption on wifi.

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Peter Aitken wrote:

I do not see an option for setting the WEP level (64/128) nor do I see a WPA option.

I assume I should leave Network Authentication set to Open as I use a MAC filter to control access.

There is usually a place on both the router's configuration and the wireless adapter's configuration to choose 64 or 128-bit encryption. I'm sure yours isn't any different; look again. If you don't see WPA, then your hardware is older and doesn't support it. You should leave authentication to Open and change the SSID from the router's default. Although it sounds like it might be, using a MAC filter is not good security. Here are some links to help you set up your wireless securely:

Wireless – Basic Configuration –

[http://www.ezlan.net/Wireless\\_Config.html](http://www.ezlan.net/Wireless_Config.html)

Wireless – Basic Security – [http://www.ezlan.net/Wireless\\_Security.html](http://www.ezlan.net/Wireless_Security.html)

MVP Barb Bowman on wireless security – <http://tinyurl.com/56fc5>

The six dumbest ways to secure a wireless LAN –

<http://blogs.zdnet.com/Ou/index.php?p=43>

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