

## Re: Strange Wireless Networking Issue

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more likely the card and driver make the difference. in any case, not broadcasting the SSID is not a recommended security method. it actually causes the issue you mention (and a determined person will sniff out your SSID even if you hide it). Better to use WPA2 or at least WPA.

On Wed, 28 Nov 2007 12:58:02 -0800, John Schneider <[johnmsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:johnmsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

My daughter has a new Gateway laptop with wireless networking capability, running XP Home SP2 and all current updates. I'm trying to get her connected to my home wireless network (D-Link DI-634M). I have the router set to not broadcast the SSID. The laptop won't connect to the network. However, if I go into the router and set it to broadcast the SSID, it will connect fine. That proves that I have all the correct settings in XP (SSID, Authentication, encryption method and network key). But if I go back to the router and set the SSID not to broadcast, it won't connect the next time the machine is booted.

What am I missing here? I have another laptop (XP Pro SP2) that works fine without having to broadcast the SSID. Could this have something to do with the differences between XP Home and XP Pro?

Thanks

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