WORKING FROM HOME
TECHNOLOGY QUICK GUIDE

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Working from home is quickly becoming the new normal for a lot of professionals. At the center of remote work efficiency is technology. Here, we outline some of the key ingredients to creating a successful work-from-home environment.

CHOOSING YOUR WORKSPACE

Work from a desk or table, not a couch or bed. Your computer needs to breathe!

Avoid the Microwave! Microwave radiation can interfere with WiFi signal (2.4 Ghz)

WiFi is like a radio...it has limited range. Make sure that your work station is close to either your router or a wireless access point to insure a strong signal.

MANAGING YOUR NETWORK

Routers installed by your cable provider are not always the best. A separate device is usually more reliable. (We like Eero!)

Don't forget to keep your router up to date! You don't want your **new** computer slowed down by your **old** router.

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Check Your Speed

Visit **speedtest.net** to do a test of your actual speed. Then talk to your internet provider to see if there are faster options.

➤ **Quick Tip!** If you have little kids, shop for a router that has parental controls!

Own a business? You can purchase a business line—the SLA is **much** better than a residential line!

Remember, your WiFi has limited bandwidth. If everyone in your home is on their devices at the same time, communicate with each other to prioritize. Take advantage of unlimited data/streaming cell phone plans!

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ROUTER
Takes an IP address and converts it into many... like a power strip.

FIREWALL
Usually hardware combined with a router–protects you from hackers and other threats.

IP ADDRESS
Your internet address. External IP: unique, assigned by your ISP[1]. Internal IP: local, assigned by your router.

[1] Internet Service Provider

ACCESS POINT
Connects to your router and projects WiFi to a specific area.