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## **Apple Warns Cyber Threat Could Wipe Out iPhones, Issues Fix**

Apple issued a new warning after a new hacking threat. The tech giant says there is a new cyber threat, but has taken steps to thwart the attack. Fox reported, “Apple has now issued a critical security patch for all iOS devices and for Mac computers against a potential hack that could come remotely via Wi-Fi.” The dangerous vulnerability, called Broadpwn, had been exposed by a security researcher Nitay Arntstein of Exodus Intelligence, who indicated that a malicious hacker could compromise devices through a bug within Broadcom’s Wi-Fi chipsets.

As long as the attacker is within range, he or she may be able to “execute arbitrary code on the Wi-Fi chip.” Broadpwn is indeed a potentially a serious threat. According to the National Vulnerability Database that is part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology or NIST, Broadpwn gets a 9.8 out of 10, a severity score dubbed “critical.” “The virus is being considered a potentially serious threat,” Carrasco says, so the company is urging users to install the updates to protect their devices.

The latest cyber threat is also a risk to Android device users, but Google has taken steps as well to block the virus. “The vulnerability also has the potential to attack Android devices, but Google issued its own security patch earlier this month.”

