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Smart Home Users Failing on Security Basics

Basic security mistakes such as weak passwords and unpatched firmware are exposing smart homes to heightened cyber-risk, according to Bitdefender. The security vendor's latest report, *The IoT Threat Landscape and Top Smart Home Vulnerabilities in 2018*, is compiled from data collected from its BOX IoT security product and interviews with consumers.

The average home is now filled with 20 smart devices, with 95% of vulnerabilities residing in the firmware, the vendor claimed. Yet despite 60% of users claiming they're concerned about identity and data theft and malware infection, many are failing to adequately protect IoT devices. Six out of 10 said they'd never performed a firmware update on their router, a figure dropping slightly to 55% for smart TV owners.