

Tip for September 2006  
Courtesy of Wyvern Technology  
0418 421 202  
[www.wyverntech.com](http://www.wyverntech.com)



I think I will have to start wearing chains of garlic around my neck to ward off wireless networks. I spend so much time resetting them up for people when they have tried to do it themselves and failed and then it works which is great and I feel good and then before long, it drops out again.

People be warned. Wireless networks are notoriously unreliable. They are likely to drop out at any given time and are interfered with by cordless phones, brick walls, ceilings, etc. My best advice is to connect computers with a cabled network which means cables running through the house. The best plan is to have them running down through ceilings if you are happy to have holes bored through them, the ceilings not the networks. Of course, if you are building or planning renovations, then you can have the cables built in behind the walls.

The support for wireless networks is not good. Even when you have purchased a wireless modem through your ISP, they will answer your phone calls, but are very quick to blame any sort of interference whatsoever. And if you have had the temerity to purchase your own wireless hub connected to the modem, then forget it. They will not support networks.

When you lose the signal, turn off the power to the modem and hub. You can do this by unplugging the modem, then unplugging the hub. Plug in the modem power again and when all lights are on and steady, plug in the hub power. Try accessing the internet once all lights on the hub are operational. If this doesn't work, try powering down the computer after the modem and hub and then turn it on after the modem and hub. Ain't technology grand?

If your hub is dropping out, then try downloading the firmware from the manufacturer and this may help. If you have no idea what I am talking about, email me and I shall explain.

Cheers,  
Deirdree