

Connecting to TAMUK Wireless – Visitors

An internet only guest network has been created for campus visitors. Look for **javNET–Guest** in your available WiFi connections. You will need to have a personal email account (not a TAMUK.edu account) in order to connect. Note that Guest Network access is good for 12 hours at a time. Please do not try and connect to Guest Wireless if you are a current Student, Faculty or Staff member. Also note that you are responsible for any acts performed on the internet using your logon credentials.

Connecting to TAMUK Wireless – Faculty, Staff & Students

A&M Kingsville provides near campus wide wireless internet coverage and is known as JAVNet. When you search for Wireless SSIDs on your device you should see one or more of the following - javNET, javNET2, javNET3. Connect to one of these. javNET3 is the newest implementation and provides the best speed – in most instances.

You will be asked for the “connect” password to connect to the wireless platform. This password is “tamukjavelinas” (all lower case one word).

Once connected, browse to any website and you will be prompted to download and install a small network access policy key called Safe•Connect.

Safe•Connect is a network access control technology the university uses so that it can provide wireless network services that comply with Texas A&M University Kingsville network access policies.

Safe•Connect will require users to authenticate with a username and password before allowing them access to the TAMUK wireless network.

What is Safe•Connect and why is it being used?

Safe•Connect is part of TAMUK's effort to help keep computers on its network as free as possible from viruses, spyware, and operating system security holes. Machines protected in this way generally perform much better and require much less downtime due to damage caused by malicious software. Also, the Safe•Connect Policy Key can help to ensure that the average user has the fastest possible browsing experience while connected to the TAMUK network. It does this by ensuring that communication from malicious software does not flood TAMUK's internet connection, resulting in slower connections for legitimate users or by restricting certain applications that would otherwise consume an unfairly large share of the total available bandwidth, again resulting in a slower connection for the majority of users.

Safe•Connect will require users to authenticate with a username and password before allowing them to access the Texas A&M University Kingsville wireless network. When you authenticate, the system records which network address you were assigned and how long you used it. Your username and password are your keys to the network; don't share them with anyone. You are responsible for any acts performed on the internet using your account, including copyright violations. If you are concerned that someone may be using your account, change your password immediately.

What do I need to do?

First and foremost, you must know your TAMUK userid (such as “KUABC000”) and password. Your password should be kept secret. Do not write it down and do not share it with anyone.

Secondly, if your device is running a Microsoft Windows or Macintosh OS X operating system you will also need to:

- have an updated anti-virus application,
- have updated system patches for Microsoft Operating Systems

- have the Safe•Connect policy key installed and running

It is critical that you have only one anti-virus program installed on your computer. Having multiple antivirus programs installed may result in false readings and prevent you from accessing network services.

How do I get and install the Safe•Connect Policy Key?

On Microsoft Windows

- Open a web browser. You will be prompted to download the policy key application.
- If you are NOT prompted to download the policy key application then type a website you don't normally go to – such as IBM.com. This should get you where you need to be.
- When prompted to either run or save the file, click the "Run" button.
- After the installer downloads it will run.
- Follow the prompts presented by the installer to proceed through the installation process. You can expect to click an "Install" button to start the installation process and a "Finish" button when the installation has completed successfully.
- The PolicyKey.exe application will be running as a background process and will start automatically each time you start up your computer.

On Macintosh OS X (10.6 & above)

- Open a web browser. You will be prompted to download the application.
- Save the Policy Key software to the desktop.
- If the install process does not begin automatically, double click the ZIP file that was downloaded and the installer should be placed on the desktop.
- Double click the installer PKG file to begin the installation process.
- Click "Continue" to advance.
- On the next screen of the installer, click "Install" to continue. You may be asked to provide your Mac OS X administrator username and password to continue.
- Once the installation is complete you should get the following "Install Succeeded" message. Click "Close" to finish the installation.

On Linux and Other WiFi Compatible Devices

Linux machines, iPhones, and iPod Touches do not yet have a Safe•Connect policy key, but will still be required to authenticate. Nintendo Wii, Microsoft Xbox, and Sony PS3 systems should be automatically recognized by Safe•Connect and will not be required to authenticate. If you are still having difficulty connecting, please contact the iTech Help Desk (x4357) or take your laptop to the iTech Help Desk located in the Jernigan Library Commons Lab for assistance.