

## Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity, wireless internet)

You'll need to **connect your iPad to the Internet** to be able to use most of the iPad's features. It's easy to turn your iPad's wireless connection on or off and join nearby networks so you can access the Internet. Once you join a network, your device will connect to it automatically whenever it's in range. If there are no networks in range, it will connect via 3G or 4G instead, but only if you have a 3G- or 4G-enabled device (and a contract with a wireless provider).

### To turn Wi-Fi on or off:

- Tap the **Settings** icon on the **Home** screen.
- The Settings will appear. Tap **Wi-Fi** in the left pane.
- Next to **Wi-Fi**, tap the control to turn it **on** or **off**.

### Joining networks

To join a network that's in range (for example, your home's Wi-Fi or a nearby public hotspot), look for it under **Choose a Network**. Then tap the **network** you want to use. If the network is **secure**, you'll need to enter a password in order to connect to it.

If the network **isn't secure**, you can connect to it without a password, but think carefully before you do (especially if it's a public hotspot, like Wi-Fi at your local coffee shop). Anything you view or share over an unsecured network is not necessarily safe from prying eyes.

If the network doesn't appear on the list, it may be out of range, or it may be closed (in other words, hidden). To join a closed network, tap **Other**, then follow the steps to connect to it. You'll need to know the name of the network, the security setting, and the password.