

Protecting your Zoom meeting from Zoom Bombers

Just a heads up - some demented folks (non-members hopefully) are Zoom-bombing meetings, i.e. inappropriate language and chats (absolutely filthy stuff) and even displaying porn. Please remember - anything you post on Social Media such as Zoom meeting links can be seen by anyone, unless you are in private rooms. So use discretion.

Passwords: Having a password on a meeting is the strongest protection against Zoom Bombers. However they can also limit legitimate users access to a meeting. Each group will need to decide whether password protection is appropriate for their meeting. We will not post passwords on the website - that basically defeats the purpose of the protection. Sharing of the password would be the responsibility of the group. Do not post passwords on Social Media

The settings below are suggested to best protect your meeting:

Settings: Meeting tab

File transfer - OFF

Hosts and participants can send files through the in-meeting chat

Screen sharing – either - OFF

or if ON set Who can share? to Host Only

Allow host and participants to share their screen or content during meetings

Disable desktop/screen share for users - ON

Whiteboard - OFF

Allow participants to share whiteboard during a meeting

Remote control - OFF

During screen sharing, the person who is sharing can allow others to control the shared content

Allow removed participants to rejoin - OFF

Allows previously removed meeting participants and webinar panelists to rejoin

Virtual background - OFF

Allow users to replace their background with any selected image. Choose or upload an image in the Zoom Desktop application settings.

(While fun, some trolls have been showing up to online meeting with violent and pornographic images as their background.)

Settings: Recording tab

Local recording - OFF

Allow hosts and participants to record the meeting to a local file

Cloud recording - OFF

Allow hosts to record and save the meeting / webinar in the cloud

Settings: Telephone tab

Mask phone number in the participant list - ON

Phone numbers of users dialing into a meeting will be masked in the participant list. For example: 888****666.