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## NCSC Alert

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**Critical Vulnerability in SonicWall SonicOS;  
(CVE-2024-40766, CVSSv3: 9.3)**

**UPDATE - Version 1.2**

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## Revision History

Revision	Date	Author(s)	Description
1.0	06th September 2024	CSIRT-IE	Initial advisory
1.1	06th September 2024	CSIRT-IE	Update from SonicWall
1.2	13th September 2024	CSIRT-IE	Updated CVSS & EPSS Score & KEV information

## Description

**Published:** 2024-08-23T07:15:00

**Vendor:** SonicWall

**Product:** SonicOS;

**CVE ID:** CVE-2024-40766

**CVSS3.x Score<sup>1</sup>:** 9.8

**EPSS<sup>2</sup>:** 0.841290000

(For up to date EPSS score, see here: <https://api.first.org/data/v1/epss?cve=CVE-2024-40766>)

**Summary:** An improper access control vulnerability has been identified in the SonicWall SonicOS management access, potentially leading to unauthorised resource access and in specific conditions, causing the firewall to crash. This issue affects SonicWall Firewall Gen 5 and Gen 6 devices, as well as Gen 7 devices running SonicOS 7.0.1-5035 and older versions.

This vulnerability is potentially being exploited in the wild. Please apply the patch as soon as possible for affected products.

## Products Affected

This issue affects SonicWall Firewall Gen 5 and Gen 6 devices, as well as Gen 7 devices running SonicOS 7.0.1-5035 and older versions.

- **Impacted platform:** SOHO (Gen 5)
- **Impacted version:** 5.9.2.14-12o and older versions
  
- **Impacted platform:** Gen6 Firewalls -SOHOW, TZ 300, TZ 300W, TZ 400, TZ 400W, TZ 500, TZ 500W, TZ 600, NSA 2650, NSA 3600, NSA 3650, NSA 4600, NSA 4650, NSA 5600, NSA 5650, NSA 6600, NSA 6650, SM 9200, SM 9250, SM 9400, SM 9450, SM 9600, SM 9650, TZ 300P, TZ 600P, SOHO 250, SOHO 250W, TZ 350, TZ 350W
- **Impacted version:** 6.5.4.14-109n and older versions
  
- **Impacted platform:** Gen7 Firewalls - TZ270, TZ270W, TZ370, TZ370W, TZ470, TZ470W, TZ570, TZ570W, TZ570P, TZ670, NSa 2700, NSa 3700, NSa 4700, NSa 5700, NSa 6700, NSsp 10700, NSsp 11700, NSsp 13700;
- **Impacted version:** SonicOS build version 7.0.1-5035 and older versions.

## Impact

**Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)<sup>3</sup>:** CWE-284 Improper Access Control

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.first.org/cvss/v3.0/specification-document>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.first.org/epss/articles/prob\\_percentile\\_bins](https://www.first.org/epss/articles/prob_percentile_bins)

<sup>3</sup> <https://cwe.mitre.org/>

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Present in CISA Known Exploited Vulnerability(KEV)<sup>4</sup> catalog: NO

Used by Ransomware Operators: Not Known

## Recommendations

The NCSC strongly advises affected organisations to review the latest release notes and install the relevant updates from SonicWall found here: <https://www.mysonicwall.com/>

Additional recommendations and mitigation's for CVE-2024-40766 can be found in the respective link below:

<https://psirt.global.sonicwall.com/vuln-detail/SNWLID-2024-0015>

**UPDATE:** SonicWall strongly advises that customers using GEN5 and GEN6 firewalls with SSLVPN users who have locally managed accounts immediately update their passwords to enhance security and prevent unauthorized access. Users can change their passwords if the "User must change password" option is enabled on their account. Administrators must manually enable the "User must change password" option for each local account to ensure this critical security measure is enforced.

Additionally, SonicWall recommends enabling MFA (TOTP or Email-based OTP) for all SSLVPN users. Resource: <https://www.sonicwall.com/support/knowledge-base/how-do-i-configure-2fa-for-ssl-vpn-with-totp/190829123329169>

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<sup>4</sup><https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog>

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