

Fiber optic cable damaged inside the wall



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables damaged inside walls generally require professional repair or rerouting, as in-wall splicing is complex and unsafe for homeowners.

Understanding the Damage

Fiber optic cables are extremely delicate, with cores thinner than a human hair, and even minor physical stress—like bending, crushing, or cutting—can cause signal loss or complete failure . Visible damage may include cuts, crimps, or crushed sections, while internal microbends or kinks can also degrade performance without being visible . Attempting to repair the core at home is risky due to invisible laser light hazards and microscopic glass shards .

Homeowner Options

For homeowners, the safest actions are limited to preventive and protective measures:

- Reroute or secure the cable if it is bent too tightly, ensuring the bend radius is at least ten times the cable diameter .
- Replace pre-terminated patch cords (SC or LC connectors) if the damage is limited to the external jumper cable .
- Avoid attempting to splice or repair the core fiber yourself, as this requires fusion splicing equipment and precise cleaving to maintain low-loss connections .

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