SonicWall Urges Customers to Replace Gen 6 Firewalls, Which Will Get No Further Security Patches



SonicWall has told customers still running Generation 6 firewalls to retire and replace them now and stop exposing them at the internet edge. The vendor cites faster, AI-assisted attacks on unsupported devices.

- SonicWall recommends retiring and replacing all Generation 6 firewalls immediately.
- The headline states these devices will receive no security patches, even for critical flaws.
- Customers are urged to stop exposing Gen 6 devices on the internet edge.
- SonicWall says attackers use automation and AI to find and exploit unsupported edge devices faster than before.

What SonicWall said

SonicWall has urged every customer still running Generation 6 firewalls to retire and replace them immediately. It also asks that these devices no longer be exposed on the internet edge. According to the report, the vendor will not issue security patches for Gen 6 firewalls, even for critical vulnerabilities.

Why it matters

The vendor's reasoning is that attackers now rely on automation and AI to locate and exploit unsupported edge devices faster than in the past. A firewall that sits at the perimeter and no longer receives fixes becomes a durable target: any flaw discovered from now on will stay open.

The source excerpt does not give details of specific vulnerabilities, affected models, or end-of-support dates, so organisations should confirm those points directly with SonicWall.

Practical reading for institutions

For regulated entities, an unsupported perimeter device is a risk that should be recorded, owned and given a deadline. The priority is to find out whether any Gen 6 units remain in service, particularly at branches, remote sites or with third parties, and to remove them from direct internet exposure while replacement is planned.

What to do now

1. Inventory all SonicWall firewalls and identify any Generation 6 units, including at branches and third-party sites.
2. Remove Gen 6 devices from direct internet exposure as an interim step.
3. Plan and schedule replacement with a named owner and a firm deadline.
4. Record the unsupported devices in the risk register with compensating controls until they are retired.
5. Confirm model and support details directly with SonicWall.