

# Technical Advisory: March 2026 Connectivity & Sign-in Failures

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**Affects:** Windows 11 (24H2 / 25H2) | Cumulative Update **KB5079473**

## The Issue

Following the March 10, 2026 update, a significant number of users are experiencing a "False Offline" state. Even with a working local internet connection, Microsoft applications (Teams Free, OneDrive, Office 365, and Copilot) report:

*"You'll need the Internet for this. It doesn't look like you're connected to the Internet."*

This is frequently caused by a regression in the **Network Connectivity Status Indicator (NCSI)**, where specific registry policies (like `NoActiveProbe`) or service parameters (like `EnableActiveProbing`) are being set incorrectly, preventing Windows from validating its connection to Microsoft's authentication servers.

## DoesNotBelong v10.7.5 Response

While primarily a malware removal and triage tool, **DoesNotBelong** has been updated to include an automated diagnostic and repair routine for this specific connectivity state.

- **Registry Remediation:** The tool now checks for and resets the `EnableActiveProbing` key to its default state (1) and removes the `NoActiveProbe` policy override that frequently triggers the "False Offline" error.
- **DNS Flush:** To ensure immediate recovery, the tool will now trigger an `ipconfig /flushdns` during the cleanup phase to clear any failed connection caches.
- **Service Triage:** DNB now monitors the status of the **Network List Manager** and **NLA** services to ensure they aren't hung as a result of failed update attempts.

## Instructions for Technicians

If you are encountering the "You'll need the Internet" error on a machine that has failed to install the emergency **KB5085516** patch:

1. Run **DoesNotBelong v10.7.5** as Administrator.
2. Allow the "System Optimization & Connectivity" scan to complete.
3. **Restart the machine.** This is required for the NLA service to re-initialize with the corrected registry values.