

Cyber Security Awareness Month 2024

10 Cyber Tips for Your Business

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. Is your business cyber ready? Here are 10 cyber security tips that businesses should consider:

- 1. Train Employees on Cyber Security.** Many cyber security incidents involve a human element, and employees are often the first line of defence. Protect your business by training your employees on cyber security and re-train regularly.
- 2. Add Multi-Factor Authentication.** Use Multi-Factor Authentication wherever possible to help protect your networks and systems against cybercriminals.
- 3. Improve Password Hygiene.** Change your passwords often and consider using a secure random password generator to help you pick long (16 digits or more) and unique passwords.
- 4. Install Software Updates.** Install software updates and patches in a timely manner. Updates often include security fixes and correct other vulnerabilities that may be exploited by hackers.
- 5. Regularly Back Up Your Data.** Backups are useful for recovering your business' data in the event of a cyber security incident and can shorten the time that your business is disrupted. Don't forget to test your backups regularly.
- 6. Enable Remote Wipe Features.** These features can remove important information from a lost or stolen device.
- 7. Beware of Storing Data on Your Desktop.** Storing data locally is never ideal. Look for secure file storage options over storing your data locally.
- 8. Obtain Cyber Insurance.** Responding to cyber security incidents can be a costly process. Cyber insurance can mitigate expenses.
- 9. Being Small is Not a Solution.** It's not just large businesses that fall victim to cyber attacks – small and medium businesses are frequently targeted.
- 10. Restrict User Access on Business Networks.** Limiting employees' system access to only the access necessary for their role may lessen the scope of damage if an employee's account is hacked.

We hope you find these tips helpful. However, a robust cyber security strategy requires more than we could ever fit on a single page.

If you have further questions, please contact a member of our [Cyber Security Law](#) team.

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