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CYBERSECURITY

The Small Business Cybersecurity Checklist

15 steps to lock down your network before
hackers find the open door.

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Why Small Businesses Are the #1 Target

43% of all cyberattacks target small and mid-size businesses, and 60% close within six months of an attack. Most attacks exploit basic gaps. This checklist covers the 15 most critical steps to lock down your network.

15-Step Cybersecurity Checklist

- Commercial-grade firewall with threat intelligence
- Data encrypted at rest and in transit; full-disk on laptops
- Endpoint protection (EDR) on every device
- Incident Response Plan documented and tested
- Multi-Factor Authentication on all accounts
- User access rights reviewed quarterly; revoke on departure
- Automated daily backups (off-site + cloud)
- Email secured with SPF, DKIM, and DMARC
- OS, firmware, and software patched within 48 hrs
- 24/7 network monitoring (SIEM or managed SOC)
- Network segmented with VLANs (guest, IoT, cameras)
- Annual penetration test or vulnerability scan
- Quarterly phishing training + simulated campaigns
- Cyber liability insurance reviewed annually
- Unused ports, services, and default accounts disabled

Wire-It Tip: 80% of breaches we respond to could have been prevented by the first 5 items. Start there.

Score Your Security Posture

Count how many of the 15 items your business has fully in place:

12-15 Strong Foundation	Ahead of most businesses. Stay vigilant, keep training, and reassess annually.
7-11 Gaps Exist	Basics covered but critical vulnerabilities remain. A professional security assessment is recommended.
0-6 High Risk	Exposed to the most common attack vectors. Immediate action needed to prevent costly breaches.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

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