

Cyber Readiness Checklist

A practical review checklist to help your organisation assess identity, endpoint, email, backup, network, and monitoring controls before your next security or governance review.

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How to use this checklist: Review each area with your internal team, identify any gaps, and note the controls that need follow-up or validation.

1. Identity & Access

- Enforce MFA for all admin and high-risk accounts
- Review privileged access regularly
- Remove stale accounts and unused permissions
- Use strong password and conditional access policies

2. Devices & Endpoints

- Keep operating systems and applications patched
- Deploy endpoint protection and monitoring
- Encrypt company-managed laptops and mobile devices
- Confirm secure onboarding and offboarding processes

3. Email & Collaboration

- Review phishing protection and spam filtering
- Check external sharing settings in Microsoft 365 and cloud platforms
- Limit guest access where not required
- Validate mailbox forwarding and risky sign-in alerts

4. Backups & Recovery

- Confirm backups are running and tested
- Protect backup platforms with MFA and least privilege
- Review recovery time expectations for critical systems
- Store recovery documentation securely

5. Network & Infrastructure

- Review firewall rules and remote access pathways
- Separate critical systems where appropriate
- Monitor unusual network traffic and access patterns
- Keep device firmware and infrastructure platforms up to date

6. Monitoring & Response

- Confirm important alerts are being reviewed
- Document escalation paths and response responsibilities
- Keep contact details current for incident handling
- Run periodic tabletop or readiness exercises

Need help reviewing the checklist?

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