

# 8 TIPS

## TO PROTECT YOUR SMALL BUSINESS FROM CYBER BREACHES

Here are 8 important ways small businesses can protect against cyber breaches.

- 1 Conduct Cybersecurity Training:** Regularly train and test staff on best practices and controls.
- 2 Review Policies and Procedures:** Annually revisit and update to identify roles, responsibilities, and organizational accountability.
- 3 Update System Configurations:** Follow vendor and expert recommendations, including structured protocols to patch vulnerabilities.
- 4 Direct Annual Risk Assessments:** Risk assessments put cyber risks in economic terms so mitigation techniques can be calibrated and reviewed by executive management.
- 5 Perform Post-breach Assessments:** Post-breach findings offer valuable insights and should be communicated to management and departments.
- 6 Evaluate In-house Capabilities:** Annually assess—and consider retaining outsourced, managed service providers—to augment existing cybersecurity staff as needed.
- 7 Identify Information Sharing Opportunities:** Participate in formal and informal information sharing opportunities that support your specific needs.
- 8 Establish Regular Briefings:** Coordinate briefings for appropriate levels of management and implement a process to ensure feedback.

**There is nothing “small” about protecting your business’ cyber security.**

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