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BUSINESS IT SECURITY BASICS

CYBER ESSENTIALS

CERTIFIED PLUS

If you get your security fundamentals right, you will create a more secure environment.

Introduction to security

We recently created content on whether or not your IT company is an MSSP, this stands for Managed Security Service Provider. In this email we explained the importance of having an IT company focused on security processes rather than just IT support. As much as this seems like the trending buzz word for the IT industry, it is actually extremely important for your business.

We are in a security pandemic, gone are the days where cyber criminals only attack large corporations, SME business devastation is far more common. It only takes one click in the wrong email, lack of virus protection or the absence of efficient data backups and your business is back to day one, your customers are doubting your dedication to their safety and the cost to fix is eye watering.

Important tip

Business security starts with training. People wont adopt processes they don't understand. It is so important that you, and your employees receive the training required to learn new IT security procedures.

Business Security Basics Checklist

1. Have a comprehensive backup. All of your data should be stored in a secure backup solution. If something bad happens you can restore as you require.

2. Use a virus protection software that is highly rated and has specific protective measures. We recommend Trend Micro solutions.

3. Have secure passwords and follow all the password guidelines. We have so much content on password best practices, check out our blog.

4. Have a highly protective spam filter and always check emails thoroughly. Check the email address, don't automatically download photos or files and never click any links until you are absolutely sure they are safe.

A very basic list and very easy to implement. For a further list contact us, we want to help.
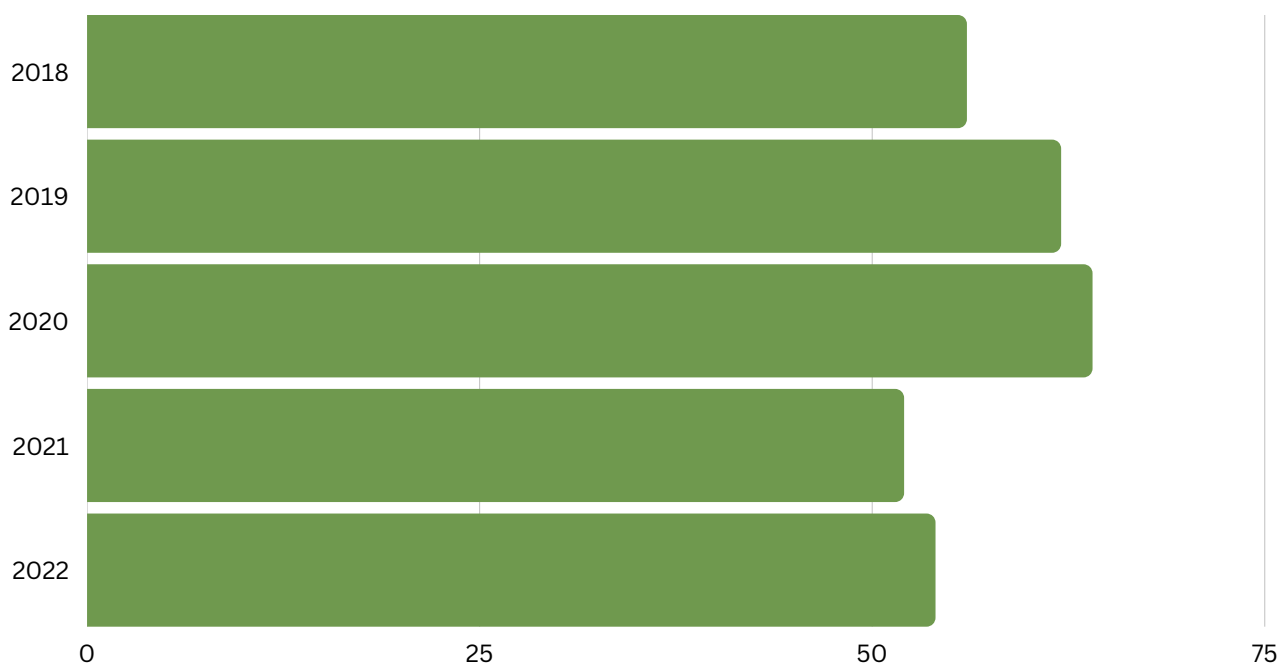
Cyber Security Statistics

43% of cyber attacks are aimed at small businesses...

66% of small businesses have experienced a cyber attack in the last 12 months

Proportion of UK businesses acting to identify cyber security risks each year

Year	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	

0   25   50   75

A third of these businesses experienced at least one negative impact from the attack. The average cost for a breach is £4200

31% of businesses are attacked at least once per week

The best preparation for tomorrow, starts today...

Do not wait until you have a near miss, or when it is too late with a serious breach to implement these protective measures. We advise you to at least have a secure backup of your data, if you can not complete anything else. However, we would love to have a discussion with you about your infrastructure. Let ABM assist you with a bespoke IT security solution that works for your budget.

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