



Is your Cybersecurity posture ready for remote workers?

Shifting operations to a work from home (WFH) model introduces new cybersecurity considerations to your company/organization. Use this checklist to get ahead—and stay ahead—of new risks.

- ✓ **Instigate a cybersecurity health checkup** during and after the shift to WFH. Review all cybersecurity controls to identify gaps, prioritize, and remediate accordingly.
- ✓ **Update your Technology & Data Use Policy** to include remote workforce considerations like non-company owned Wi-Fi, VPN usage, USB and connected drives, and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).
- ✓ **Update your Incident Response Plan** to include common and key WFH scenarios that may impact your organization, including lost or stolen devices.
- ✓ **Send regular awareness training videos to employees**, depicting important cybersecurity topics for a remote workforce, such as Wi-Fi usage and actively protecting company devices.
- ✓ **Hold group training sessions via remote webinar** with employees on best practices to help protect the company, specifically on phishing style and similar attacks. Include a short quiz to gauge learning.
- ✓ **Get regular cybersecurity threat alerts** that feature emerging cybersecurity topics, attacks, and vulnerabilities—including those related to remote workforce, this is often accomplished through a good Security Event Information Management (SEIM) service or solution.
- ✓ **Run vulnerability scans on networks** (internally and externally) any time you make configuration changes to firewalls and other devices, including VPN, to quickly identify critical vulnerabilities to patch.
- ✓ **Scan the Dark Web for stolen passwords** for all employees. If any are found, have employees change passwords immediately on all systems, devices, and applications.
- ✓ **Activate ongoing phishing tests** on employees simulating how cyber-attackers use fear, uncertainty, and doubt. Employees should confirm requests and verify links or attachments before opening, there great automation tools to provide this continual testing and validation.
- ✓ **Consider hiring ethical hacking on your networks** after reconfiguring systems to identify weaknesses attackers could exploit. This is generally called Penetration Testing or “PEN” Testing.

About IP Services

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