

“How good is your cyber security?”

A 10-point quiz for home and business

It may not be the Russians, but chances are increasing that “somebody” will try to hack into your home or business network. According to Symantec nearly 75% of websites have vulnerabilities!

These 10 questions cover the basics of security for your small home or business network. Can you answer all of them?

1. Are you backing up essential data on a regular basis? Storing it in more than one place? (Have you practiced re-installing any of it?)
2. Do you have security software installed? Is it automatically updated?
3. Have you set a policy regarding passwords – how they should be created (for all devices) and when they should be changed?
4. Do you and your employees get regular updates on how to protect your network from the latest email scams, automated downloads, fake technical support, unchecked USB files, etc.?
5. Do you distinguish between acceptable internet activity on your business computer, and unacceptable activity? What about use of personal devices for business? Is it spelled out in your employee manual? How do you monitor compliance?
6. What steps have you taken to protect customer data? Is it password protected? Encrypted? Do you have a published privacy policy?
7. In case your network goes down, do you have alternate ways to contact customers, vendors, and employees? Are these alternates already set up?
8. Do you have a written disaster recovery plan that includes data protection? When was the last time you tested it to see if it works?
9. Do you have insurance for cyber disaster and/or business continuity?
10. Are you confident that you understand all legal requirements associated with your industry and business -- licenses, personnel documents, financial records, customer files, contracts, etc.?

Caution: *If you are dealing with a business network, and you have no answer for one or more of these questions, you may be flirting with negligence. Work with professionals to start strengthening your network – today!*

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