THE HOME BUSINESS SECURITY CHECKLIST

10 Steps to Protect Your Business from Hackers and Viruses

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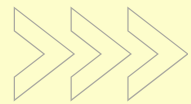
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This e-book offers potential cost savings, as a single computer repair can often exceed $80 per hour at most service providers. Typically, a standard computer repair requires a minimum of one hour to complete. While the duration may be longer for individuals with limited experience, we advise taking your time and proceeding deliberately. It is crucial to double- and triple-check each step, as errors can lead to more significant and costly issues.

Please note: Due to the inherent risks involved in computer repair, we strongly recommend seeking assistance from a qualified professional if you lack confidence or experience. Incorrect actions can result in further damage and increased expenses. However, if you possess a degree of technical aptitude and can follow instructions carefully, this guide may be a valuable resource.

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If the provided steps do not resolve your issue, it is possible that your computer has more complex problems requiring professional attention. We recommend seeking a reputable local computer repair shop. When selecting a service provider, ensure they are professional, courteous, and offer competitive pricing.

CONTACT INFORMATION (For Local Users)

If you are located in the Spring, TX area, you can contact **A Better Tech** for assistance:

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Protect Your Business from Hackers and Viruses

Working from home offers flexibility, but it can also expose your business data to new risks. This checklist provides 10 essential steps to help you secure your home office and protect sensitive information from cyber threats like hackers and viruses.

Step 1: Secure Your Network

Your Wi-Fi network is the first line of defense.

- Change the default name of your Wi-Fi network (SSID) to something generic that doesn't identify you or your business.
- Create a strong, unique password for your network. A good password should be at least 12 characters long and include a mix of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Enable WPA3 or WPA2 encryption on your router. These are the strongest security protocols available.

Step 2: Use Strong, Unique Passwords

Using the same password for multiple accounts is like using the same key for every lock on your house.

- Create a unique, complex password for every account. Avoid using personal information like birthdays or pet names.
- Use a password manager to securely store and generate strong passwords. This is one of the most effective ways to manage your digital security.

Step 3: Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Even with a strong password, MFA adds another layer of security.

- Enable MFA on all business-related accounts, including email, banking, and social media.
- MFA requires a second form of verification, such as a code sent to your phone or a bio-metric scan, to access an account.

Step 4: Keep Software Updated

Software updates often include patches for security vulnerabilities that hackers can exploit.

- Enable automatic updates for your operating system (Windows, mac OS), web browser, and all other software.
- Regularly check for and install updates for your router's firmware.

Step 5: Install and Maintain Antivirus Software

Antivirus software is essential for detecting and removing malicious software.

- Use a reputable antivirus program and ensure it's always running in the background.
- Set your antivirus software to run regular, full-system scans.

Step 6: Back Up Your Data

If your data is lost or compromised, a backup can save your business.

- Regularly back up all critical business files.
- Use a combination of local and cloud-based backups for redundancy.

Step 7: Secure Your Mobile Devices

Smartphones and tablets are mini-computers with access to sensitive data.

- Use a pass code, fingerprint, or facial recognition to lock your devices.
- Install antivirus and anti-malware software on your mobile devices.

Step 8: Be Wary of Phishing Scams

Phishing attacks use deceptive emails or messages to trick you into revealing personal information.

- Be suspicious of any email that asks for personal information or has an urgent tone.
- Hover your mouse over links before clicking to see the actual destination URL. Do not open attachments from unknown senders.

Step 9: Create a Separate Network

Consider creating a guest network on your router for personal use or for visitors.

- Keep your business devices on a separate, dedicated network. This prevents personal devices from being a potential entry point for a cyber attack.

Step 10: Educate Yourself and Your Team

Your knowledge is one of the most powerful security tools.

- Stay informed about the latest cyber threats and security best practices.
- If you have a team, ensure they are also aware of and following these security protocols.

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