CHECKLIST

Not-for-Profit and Membership Organisations Cyber Security Checklist

Is your organisation's sensitive information cyber-safe? Check these essential items off as you fortify your organisation's cyber security posture.





- Turn on multi-factor authentication for all users, especially for critical systems and email access.
 Ensure regular backups of important data and test backups regularly to verify
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- Allow only trusted and approved applications to run on your network.
- Keep operating systems and software up to date, installing security patches as soon as they're released to close known vulnerabilities.
- Review admin privileges on specific IT systems and provide necessary permissions only for those who need them.
- Ensure unauthorised applications are blocked from running in browsers that could expose your network to malware.
- Establish an incident response plan, outlining clear steps to take during a cyberattack or data breach, including notifying relevant stakeholders.
- Establish and maintain a data retention policy, ensuring data that is no longer needed is securely deleted.
- Train staff and volunteers in basic cybersecurity hygiene, such as recognising phishing emails, safe password management, and avoiding suspicious links or attachments.
- Create and enforce a cybersecurity awareness program, including simulated phishing tests to improve employee vigilance.



Ensuring the safety of your members', donors', and volunteers' data is not a one-time exercise or project. It is a continuous process that requires being challenged and periodically reassessed. Review your cybersecurity strategy regularly using proven and industry-recognised frameworks, such as Essential Eight, to strengthen your resilience.

Contact us to learn how we can help build and improve your organisation's cyber resilience.

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