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2025 SMB Cybersecurity Checklist

— Is Your Business Protected?

Score each item: 1 point if fully implemented • 0 if not. Max score: 25

How to use: Go through each item honestly. Check the box if your business fully meets that requirement. Count your total score at the end and see where you stand.

01 NETWORK SECURITY

- ☐ Firewall is configured and actively monitored with alerting enabled
- ☐ All remote access uses VPN or Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA)
- ☐ Wi-Fi networks are segmented (guest vs. internal vs. IoT)
- ☐ Network traffic is logged and reviewed for anomalies regularly
- ☐ DNS filtering is in place to block malicious domains

02 ENDPOINT PROTECTION

- ☐ EDR/antivirus is installed and up-to-date on all devices
- ☐ OS and software patches applied within 72h of critical releases
- ☐ Full-disk encryption is enabled on all laptops and mobile devices
- ☐ Mobile Device Management (MDM) enforces security policies
- ☐ USB ports and removable media are controlled or disabled

03 ACCESS CONTROL & IDENTITY

- ☐ Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is enforced for all users
- ☐ Principle of least privilege is applied — users only access what they need
- ☐ Admin/privileged accounts are separate from regular user accounts
- ☐ Offboarding process immediately revokes access when employees leave
- ☐ Password manager is used and minimum password complexity is enforced

04 INCIDENT RESPONSE READINESS

- ☐ Written incident response plan exists and has been tested in the last 12 months
- ☐ Backups are automated, encrypted, and stored offsite or in the cloud
- ☐ Backup restoration has been tested and verified in the last 6 months
- ☐ Key contacts (IT, legal, insurance) are documented and easily accessible
- ☐ Security awareness training is conducted at least annually for all staff

05 COMPLIANCE & GOVERNANCE

- ☐ Data inventory exists — you know what sensitive data you hold and where it lives
- ☐ Relevant regulations (GDPR, HIPAA, PCI-DSS) have been identified and mapped
- ☐ Third-party vendor security is assessed before granting data access
- ☐ Cyber liability insurance policy is in place and reviewed annually
- ☐ Security policies are documented, signed by employees, and reviewed yearly

// MATURITY SCORE — COUNT YOUR TOTAL

0 - 10

CRITICAL RISK

11 - 17

MODERATE RISK

18 - 25

WELL PROTECTED

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