

12-Point Small-Business Cybersecurity Checklist

A practical starting point for Canadian business owners.

1. MFA everywhere

Email, banking and cloud apps require a second factor. No exceptions.

2. Patches on autopilot

Every device installs security updates automatically.

3. Protection on every endpoint

Antivirus/EDR installed and active on all computers.

4. Backups you can actually restore

Three copies, two media types, one offsite; tested quarterly.

5. Staff know the phish

Everyone can spot a phishing email; test them twice a year.

6. One password manager

No reused passwords, no sticky notes.

7. Guest Wi-Fi is separate

Visitors never touch the business network.

8. Ex-employees lose access day one

Accounts disabled the day someone leaves.

9. A one-page incident plan

Who to call and what to shut down, written before you need it.

10. Laptops are encrypted

A stolen laptop shouldn't mean a data breach.

11. No unsupported software

If the vendor stopped patching it, it goes.

12. An annual review

Threats change; your defenses get checked once a year.

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