



CYBERSECURITY PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

A computer network assessment will help you begin a cybersecurity plan to mitigate the largest risks to your business.

Most experts recommend businesses start with having a strategic approach to cybersecurity. This strategic approach should include plans to secure existing systems and keep your business secure moving forward.

The Federal Communications Commission created a Small Biz Cyber Planner (fcc.gov/cyberplanner), a resource to help small businesses create customized cybersecurity plans. Use this simple step-by-step tool to create a custom cybersecurity plan for your company.

A comprehensive cybersecurity plan needs to focus on three key areas:

- > **Prevention**
Solutions, policies and procedures need to be identified to reduce the risk of attacks.
- > **Resolution**
In the event of a computer security breach, plans and procedures need to be in place to determine the resources that will be used to remedy a threat.
- > **Restitution**
Companies need to be prepared to address the repercussions of a security threat with their employees and customers to ensure any loss of trust or business.

Who Can Help

Your best sources of guidance are your internet service provider (ISP) and software providers. Many ISPs have services devoted to their business customers. Explore what's available from them and how they can help. The provider of your security and other software can also be of assistance and may have special services for small businesses.

