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REMOTE SECURITY CHECKLIST

In the rush to roll out remote work capabilities, many businesses have left security considerations behind. But with remote users "in the wild" and unprotected by the company firewall, security is more critical than ever. This checklist can help you guide your business' decision making as it relates to of their security needs while transitioning to remote work.

TIP: when working from home, consider "hard-wiring" into your home's modem to ensure a more stable internet connection.

TIP: do not allow remote access from individually owned home PCs into your business network via VPN or Remote Desktop connection

TIP: cloud-based voice solutions can be implemented quickly to enable corporate communication

TIP: just because you work from home, doesn't mean you have to work all the time!

- [ ] Do you have endpoint protection installed for all remote machines?

- [ ] Do you have consistent security patch/update processes and reporting to ensure your businesses PCs are still being maintained while operating remotely?

- [ ] Do you have an email security product in place? Were employees trained to recognize and report phishing attempts?

- [ ] Is multi-factor authentication (MFA) enabled on critical apps or at least email? Did employees receive guidance on how to use MFA (or any additional authentication apps)?

- [ ] Have you documented all IT assets that left your office to prevent hardware "leakage"?

- [ ] Have you installed a web security app to prevent users from visiting malicious sites?

- [ ] Have you conducted end user training on remote security policies and best practices?

- [ ] Is conditional access enabled and configured?

- [ ] Do you have the ability to remotely-wipe company data from lost or stolen laptops and/or mobile devices? Are you using whole disk encryption to encrypt the physical hard drive of company laptops?

- [ ] Have you created a remote work and data protection policy for employees to sign?

- [ ] Have you setup data loss prevention policies and/or set application restrictions on external file sharing?

- [ ] What is your incident response plan during times of company-wide remote work?