SILENT NIGHT

CYBER SECURITY CHECK LIST

Tis the season for mince pies and mulled wine
And the threat of increased cyber-crime

As the noise and the bustle of the office starts to dim
Hackers are patiently waiting to begin

With their cyber traps
Ready to attack

So before you leave
On Christmas eve

Read our security check list to be sure there's nothing you've missed

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1 PHISHING - Remind all employees to always check emails before opening them especially the supposedly urgent ones which might just slip through and to never click on links from unexpected sources. Even the supposedly 'festive fun' emails may often be hiding something more sinister.

2 TURN IT OFF - If you don't need it, turn it off – particularly User Acceptance Testing and testing systems. Not only will you save money (if you're in the cloud), but you'll do a little bit to help the planet, and deny the hackers a possible route into your systems.

3 SIGNING IN – With many employees accessing company networks remotely, make sure all computers use encryption products and passwords. Educate your team on the importance of good password management i.e. never use the same one across different log-in's, never write them down, and use a password manager. Finally, secure access to sensitive websites or data with Multi Factor Authentication.

4 PATCHING & BACK UP - Use the quiet time just before Christmas to make sure everything is patched up to date. Closing off vulnerabilities is one of the best ways to spoil a hacker's Christmas. There is time run a vulnerability scan to pick up and fix any unknown vulnerabilities or issues before hackers find them. Is your Back-Up up to date? For good measure scan your Back Up to check no malicious ransomware code has already been quietly added by hackers waiting to attack.

5 DISASTER RECOVERY – How up to date is your Disaster Recovery Plan, (do you have one?) If you don't, write one now. Make sure everyone involved knows what their role in recovery is should an attack occur. Update contact details so everyone knows who to contact and when. If you have time, have a run through of your Disaster Recovery Plans before Christmas. It will become apparent what else needs to be updated in your plans.

REMEMBER : Being prepared and able to respond quickly will limit the damage of cyber-attacks and the impact on your business.

Read our Cyber Security Check List blog for more advice from our security friends.
Every positive action you take will improve the security defences around your business and employees.

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