



Cyber Security Guidance for Businesses

Cyber Essentials



Cyber Essentials is a new Government-backed and industry supported scheme to guide businesses in protecting themselves against cyber threats. Cyber Essentials is free to download and any organisation can use the guidance to implement essential security controls.

The majority of successful cyber attacks on businesses exploit basic weaknesses. Cyber Essentials shows businesses how to address those basics and get better protected against the most common cyber threats. Cyber Essentials is for all organisations, of all sizes, and in all sectors, including the private sector, universities, charities, and public sector organisations. Gaining the Cyber Essentials badge demonstrates an organisation takes the issue seriously & enables them to bid for Government contracts. Scheme website: www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials

10 Steps to Cyber Security (guidance for large organisations)

The “10 Steps to cyber security” is a comprehensive guide showing large businesses how to safeguard their most valuable assets, such as personal data, online services and intellectual property. It reinforces that cyber security is a strategic business risk that needs to be managed at board level. 10 Steps guidance: [Click here](#)

Small Businesses: What You Need To Know About Cyber Security

A short booklet with practical guidance showing small firms how to put simple cyber security measures in place. It explains cyber threats and details how small businesses can ensure they are protected. By taking the advice in this guidance, small businesses can protect their assets, customers and their peace of mind.

Small business cyber guidance: [Click here](#)

Cyber Streetwise campaign

The Cyber Streetwise campaign offers small businesses and consumers clear and simple advice on how to stay safe online. This is the best place to start for any individual or small business. For more in depth advice, look at the small business guide (above) and Cyber Essentials. Cyber Streetwise website: www.cyberstreetwise.com

Free online training for small businesses: Responsible for Information

This short, free e-learning course helps small business staff understand information security and how to protect against cyber crime and fraud. Sign up here: <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/sme/>

Cyber Security Information Sharing Partnership (CISP)

The Cyber Security Information Sharing Partnership (CISP) is a joint initiative between industry and Government to share cyber threat and vulnerability information. This increases overall situational awareness of the cyber threat and reduces the impact upon UK business. Any UK registered company with an electronic communications network in the UK can apply for membership of the CISP. CISP website: [Click here](#)

Cyber Security Innovation Vouchers

Innovation Vouchers offer up to £5,000 for businesses to work with external experts to gain new knowledge and help the business innovate, develop and grow. Cyber Security Innovation Vouchers support SMEs, entrepreneurs and early stage start-ups who want to protect and grow their online business by having effective cyber security. The current round closes on 5 January 2016.

Apply for a voucher: <https://vouchers.innovateuk.org/cyber-security>