



CyberSecurity Checklist For nonprofits + Charities

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People + Policies

- All staff/volunteers trained on phishing awareness (annually or more)
- Regular simulations or testing for email threats
- Password hygiene covered in onboarding (no reuse, no sharing)
- Written policy for acceptable device, software, + data use
- Bring-your-own-device (BYOD) + remote work policy in place
- Incident response plan (who does what, when)

Devices + Access Control

- Multi-factor authentication (MFA) turned on for systems where possible
- Staff use password managers, not browsers or notebooks
- Role-based access to sensitive data (least access necessary)
- Remove or deactivate accounts when staff leave
- Endpoint protection on all staff + shared devices
- Devices auto-lock after inactivity

Communication

- Phishing filters + spam rules enabled
- Email spoofing protection (e.g., SPF, DKIM, DMARC) configured
- No generic inboxes with admin access (e.g. info@ with high-level permissions)
- Staff understand risks of clicking unknown links
- () Internal requests for payment/changes verified

Data + Cloud Security

- Automated backups of files, systems, + databases stored in secure locations
- Microsoft 365 or Google Workspace security settings reviewed
- Admin permissions reviewed quarterly
- Conditional access rules in place (e.g., block unknown logins)
- O Data stored in line with local regulations
- Encrypted backups (at rest + in transit)

Monitoring + Ongoing Improvement

- Antivirus + endpoint protection up-to-date
- Microsoft Secure Score or similar tool used to track progress
- O Devices patched + updated regularly (OS + apps)
- O Cybersecurity risk reviewed annually with an external partner
- Insurance reviewed or in place for cyber incidents
- A trusted IT or security partner on call for emergencies



Want help with any of this?

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