

Ransomware Attacks:

10 tips to protect your small business.



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- 1 Educate staff** Educate your team on the threat of ransomware; what it is, what it can do and how to avoid it.
 - 2 Be smart online** Stay away from unknown websites and don't be enticed by 'clickbait'. When you receive an email, don't open it, or click on any links or attachments unless you can verify the sender.
 - 3 Cloud sharing** Be mindful of who has access to cloud sharing apps like Dropbox. If you have a folder shared with someone else and they are attacked, it leaves you vulnerable.
 - 4 Download directly** Be wary of free downloads offered via pop ups or emails – always download directly from the source.
 - 5 Update regularly** Update your computer OS, applications and antivirus software regularly to reduce vulnerabilities.
 - 6 Password security** Keep your office networks and computers secure by changing passwords often. Use a guest Wi-Fi that is secure and separate from your business applications.
 - 7 Backup often** Back-up your data often, keeping it in a safe place, offline and offsite.
 - 8 Stay current** Keep up to date with current scams by visiting Scam Watch at scamwatch.gov.au
 - 9 Have a strategy** Implement a business continuity strategy and have a layered defence strategy in place.
 - 10 Review security** For the best protection, get a cyber security review from a Managed Service Provider.