



# Protecting Your Small Businesses Against Cyberattacks

**If you think cybersecurity is something only large companies need to worry about, think again.**

The 2016 State of SMB Cybersecurity Report found that hackers had breached half of all small businesses in the U.S. within a 12 month period. But shockingly, a survey recently published by Manta shows that 87 percent of small businesses don't think they're vulnerable to a cyberattack.

Below are ten things every small business can do to protect against cyberattacks:

- Install, use and regularly update anti-virus and anti-spyware software on all computers.
- Download and install software updates for your operating systems and applications as they become available; if possible, choose the automatic update option.
- Regularly make backup copies of important business data.
- Control who can physically access company computers and other network components.
- Ensure that your business network is encrypted, and do not allow unauthorized users to connect to it.
- Require individual user accounts for each employee, and limit employee access to data/information and authority for software installation.
- Require all employees to use strong passwords or a secure password management application.
- Monitor, log and analyze all attempted and successful attacks on systems and networks.
- Draft and implement sound employee policies, including a computer/internet usage policy and an information security policy.
- Train employees on company-specific policies and practices, as well as general best practices for maintaining cybersecurity.

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Sound HR and employee policies can help turn your employees into your first line of defense against all sorts of hazards: cyberattacks, workplace accidents, costly lawsuits and more.

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