

Fundamentals Information Security Checklist

85% of this list can be implemented in *under 10 days with Compyl*

Business Continuity Plan Essentials

- ☐ Emergency contact information of key personnel documented.
- ☐ Contact information for key service providers & vendors documented
- ☐ Stand operating procedures documented
- ☐ Core business operations listed by criticality (i.e. restored first)

Financial Security Essentials

- ☐ Set up alerts for bank accounts, payment services, credit services
- ☐ Enforce "Separation of duties"
- ☐ Limit amount of money different employees can approve
- ☐ Cybersecurity insurance purchased
- ☐ Employee background checks performed

Security Incident Response Essentials

- ☐ Security incident response plan created
- ☐ Board, legal counsel, executive staff, and customer notification processes created.
- ☐ Security logs securely stored & indexed.

Customer Essentials

- ☐ Privacy Policy & Terms of Use created
- ☐ Security mailbox create; contact information published on main site
- ☐ For B2B: Security "Sales Kit" created

Compliance Essentials

- ☐ Understand industry compliance, breach notification, and cybersecurity requirements

Security Awareness Training Essentials

- ☐ Security is understood as everyone's responsibility
- ☐ Employees trained annually on business procedures & business continuity plan
- ☐ Employees trained during onboarding (and annually thereafter) on phishing, social engineering, Business Email Compromise, & fraud
- ☐ Acceptable Use Policy created & signed
- ☐ Social Media Policy created & signed

IT Security Essentials

- ☐ Default system credentials are changed
- ☐ SPF, DMARC, DKIM DNS records created
- ☐ Spam filtering enabled
- ☐ Passwords are never reused or shared
- ☐ 2fa enabled for email and Identity Provider
- ☐ Laptop operating systems are updated monthly, at most
- ☐ Antivirus on laptops enabled, auto-updates
- ☐ Disk encryption on laptops enabled
- ☐ Access revoked for outgoing employees
- ☐ Access to data & systems limited to only those needed to perform job duties

Product Security Essentials

- ☐ Data backups created && securely stored
- ☐ Application security scans performed
- ☐ Third-party penetration tests performed
- ☐ Set password policy for users
- ☐ Application logs securely stored
- ☐ For B2Bs: Minimal Viable Secure Product guidelines followed (mcps.dev/)

Cloud Security Essentials

- ☐ Network flow logs enabled & securely stored
- ☐ 2fa is enabled on the root account
- ☐ Access keys deleted for root account
- ☐ Full and accurate asset inventory created & kept up-to-date
- ☐ Native cloud security controls are implemented
- ☐ Networks are monitored for security events

Security Architecture Essentials

- ☐ Public-facing systems do not contain critical data
- ☐ Unused ports & protocols disabled
- ☐ Access to production data severely limited
- ☐ Databases are encrypted; keys are stored separately
- ☐ Networks are segmented
- ☐ Firewalls implemented & packet filtering enabled
- ☐ Servers are patched regularly