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SECURITY RISK CHECKLIST

REMOTE WORKER EDITION

Here are 10 common remote workplace vulnerabilities that put your data at risk.

- 1. Unauthorized Access to Data on Your Home Device**
Encrypting data on devices helps prevent unauthorized access to data by making it difficult to decipher and protects against lost or stolen devices.
- 2. Unpatched Software**
Update operating system and application software with the latest versions to eliminate vulnerabilities used by cybercriminals.
- 3. Automatic Logins**
Unattended devices enabled for automatic logins are easy targets to prying eyes – disable so unattended devices require a password, PIN or biometric alternative to turn them on or resume from sleep.
- 4. Easy to Guess PIN or Password**
Don't use one password for all logins, or lazy ones like 123456 – use one that looks random to anyone but you or consider using a password manager to ensure that each destination login uses a unique, difficult password.
- 5. Identity Theft, Fraud, Data Loss**
Enable two-factor authentication that requires a password and one-time codes generated by authenticator apps to verify your identity and prevent access to sensitive data.
- 6. Lost or Stolen Devices**
Enable "Find my Device" and remote wipe all data on your mobile devices if lost or stolen.
- 7. Discarded Devices**
It's important to wipe hard drive data and reset devices to factory settings when giving, selling or throwing them out.
- 8. Public or Untrusted Networks**
Use a VPN to establish a secure and encrypted connection to your company's network to keep your data safe from being intercepted.
- 9. Unsecure Document Destruction**
Confidential paper documents need to be shredded or disposed securely to prevent a breach.
- 10. Avoid Suspicious Emails or Websites**
Knowing that the cyber threat landscape is real, practice good judgement when clicking on links in emails or visiting suspicious websites.



68%

of business leaders
feel their
cybersecurity risks
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remote workers.

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