THE CYBER RESILIENCE CENTRE
FOR THE SOUTH EAST

Heading Home for Christmas Checklist

Update all devices, software and systems

Device manufacturers and app developers will release software updates that contain new features, fixes for bugs and performance improvements. They will often also contain security patches and new security features.
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Create strong passwords and use a password manager

Do not use the same password for multiple accounts, the best practice is to change them using three random words and a password manager will help you remember them all.

Make a back up of your data and test it can be restored

Identify what needs to be backed up (**usually documents, photos, emails, and calendars)** and ensure the device containing the backup is not permanently connected to the device holding the original copy.

Make an incident plan in the event of an attack

A cyber security incident response plan provides a process that will help your business to respond effectively in the event of a cyber-attack. Download our template at **secrc.co.uk/post/cyber-incident-response-plan**

Be sure to install antivirus software and check it's working

An antivirus is a software program used to prevent, detect, and eliminate malware and viruses. You should have **antivirus software on all computers and devices** and should only install approved software on tablets and smartphones.

Turn on multi-factor authentication to protect your accounts

Multi-factor authentication usually comes in the form of a code received by email or SMS. Using MFA provides greater assurance that the access request is genuine.

Do not promote your business as unoccupied

Many businesses are guilty of promoting that their offices will be closed during the Christmas period. Avoid giving hackers an open invite into exploring the vulnerabilities of your systems and devices.

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