IT SECURITY CHECKLIST

HOLIDAY SEASON EDITION

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Thanks to Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday and all the traditional holidays that fall between November and January, you and your employees will likely be conducting a lot of business online. Cybercriminals know this and will be doing whatever they can to exploit the situation.

Don't make it easy for them. Use this checklist to help keep you, your employees and your business safe.

- [ ] Make sure all devices are up to date with basic security measures.
- [ ] Apply all relevant, high-priority software patches.
- [ ] Implement managed security services such as endpoint detection and vulnerability management.
- [ ] Ensure anyone that requires access to your company's network and data can only access what is required for their specific job.
- [ ] Review and update your incident response and disaster recovery plans.
- [ ] Encourage employees to update their passwords and use only strong, unique passwords. Also encourage the use of two-factor or multi-factor authentication.
- [ ] Remind employees to avoid using company devices when accessing social media sites or shopping online.
- [ ] Remind employees to only connect to known Wi-Fi networks, whether they're online for work or personal reasons.
- [ ] Remind employees to hover their cursor over a website's URL to confirm the website's authenticity. The URL should begin with https:// or shttps://, with the 's' indicating that the webpage has been encrypted and secured with an SSL certificate.
- [ ] Implement special training, daily reminders and other tactics to remind employees of how to stay safe online — particularly during the holiday season.

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The best IT security strategy is one in which all parties – service providers, customers and all third-party companies – work together. For more information and services to make this happen, contact US Signal.