

# Cybersecurity checklist

It's important to supplement your cybersecurity framework with technology that can match the speed and scale of attackers. These tools provide essential oversight and can help ease the burden created by overwhelming digital threats.

Consider using one or more of the following tools to bolster your cybersecurity efforts.

- Cybersecurity education** ensures employees are equipped with the most up-to-date information and keep best practices top of mind.
- Multifactor authentication** requires users to verify their identity in more than one way, using methods such as passwords, phones/tokens or biometrics.
- Firewall protection** protects your computer from attackers, by restricting unnecessary traffic and blocking potential threats through software or hardware.
- Data encryption** secures data by converting data into an unreadable code that requires a key to access.
- Email filters and anti-phishing software** scans and filters out harmful emails, preventing malware, spyware, phishing attempts and more from reaching users.
- Remote monitoring and management software** provides oversight for online systems by monitoring activity, triggering alerts and running programs as needed.

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For additional cybersecurity resources, visit the Cybersecurity Infrastructure & Security Agency at [CISA.gov](https://CISA.gov).

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