

HOW TO KEEP YOUR BUSINESS SECURE ONLINE



Owning a business takes a lot of energy, time, blood, sweat and tears. You do not want to see it compromised because you did not keep it secure on the internet. We have compiled the best tips out there for keeping your company safe online. **Change All Default Passwords** If you are just starting your business, be sure to change all of the default passwords that came with the software installation on your new computers. Leaving default passwords active will be welcoming for hackers and other people looking to steal vital data from your company's databases. **Update Operating Systems on Computers** Manufacturers of computers and other software tend to update those items very often. Sign up to receive automatic updates to security software on your **company's computers**. This will make it easier to keep **your company** safe online. For the most part, hackers like to look for systems that are not running with the latest security updates. This makes it easier for them to break into the system and steal information. **Always Use Encryption Software** It is best to always use encryption software for your company. This software will keep client information secret during transactions involving credit cards on your website. Encryption is also important when it comes to protecting the files of employees, supervisors, and other confidential files of the organization. **Make Certain Info 'Limited Access'** One of the best ways to keep your company safe online is to allow access to certain information only to those who absolutely need to see it. Not every employee in the company needs to have access to all the company's information. This will lead to information being stolen by employees or sold to hackers down the road. You can activate software that also monitors what information about your company is headed outbound. This will help you protect what information leaks out to the public online. **Lock Hardware to Tables** If you are worried that **your office** is at risk for a break-in, you might want to consider locking your computers, servers, and other hardware to heavy tables and other items. This will prevent burglars from physically stealing computers that have important and confidential information stored on them. Even if you think your office is not susceptible to a break-in, you might want to consider this anyway. Every now and then there are disgruntled employees who might think about getting revenge. You can avoid this completely with bolted down hardware.