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ARE YOU TOO SMALL TO GET HACKED?

10 Questions I'd Ask on Day One

A five-minute security check for small businesses. Tick yes or no for each question, then count your yeses.

		YES	NO
1	**Is multi-factor login turned on for email, banking, and every admin account?** With it on, a stolen or guessed password isn't enough on its own.	☐	☐
2	**Do you have a list of every device and cloud account that holds company data?** You can't protect what you don't know you have.	☐	☐
3	**Do software and system updates install automatically, or within two weeks?** In the 2026 Verizon breach report, the median time to fully fix known-exploited flaws was 43 days.	☐	☐
4	**Do you keep a backup separate from your main systems, and have you restored from it in the last six months?** A backup you've never tested is a hope, not a plan.	☐	☐
5	**Does everyone have their own login, are admin rights limited to those who need them, and is access removed the day someone leaves?** Shared logins and leftover accounts are open doors nobody is watching.	☐	☐
6	**Do you confirm any payment or bank-detail change by phone, using a number you already had?** This one habit blocks a common kind of invoice and wire fraud.	☐	☐
7	**Do you know which vendors can reach your systems or data, and do they use multi-factor login too?** Third parties were involved in 48% of breaches in the 2026 Verizon report.	☐	☐
8	**Does your team know how to report a suspicious message, and has anyone practiced it in the last year?** Your people often see a threat first, but only help if they know where to send it.	☐	☐
9	**Do you have a clear rule about what company data can and can't be pasted into AI tools?** Whatever goes into a public AI tool may leave your control.	☐	☐
10	**Is there a one-page plan for the first hour of an incident: who to call, what to unplug, what not to touch?** The first hour shapes how bad it gets. Decide it before you need it.	☐	☐

Your score

Number of yeses: _____ / 10

9–10 yes
Your basics are solid. The next step is keeping them that way.

6–8 yes
You have real gaps worth closing this quarter.

0–5 yes
You're exposed. Start with questions 1, 4 and 6. They cost little and close some of the most common ways in.

Want a second set of eyes?

Book a free 30-minute preliminary assessment and we'll go through your answers together.
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This is a quick self-check, not a security assessment or a compliance determination. Figures: Verizon 2026 Data Breach Investigations Report.