

How to strengthen cybersecurity without breaking the bank

You don't always need to bust your IT budget and splurge on new tools to make your business more cybersecure.

Here at Sentis, we find that a lot of the time, businesses aren't getting the most out of what they already have – unused features, poor configuration and overcomplicated systems are all commonplace.

So, before you add more new technologies, ask yourself: are you fully using what you already pay for?

Five ways to do more with what you have



1

Switch on MFA everywhere

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is one of the simplest and most effective controls available – but it's still not universally enforced. Turning it on across email and user accounts can prevent the overwhelming majority of account compromise attacks.



2

Lock down admin access

Admin privileges often spread over time, with team members having more access than they need. This is a potential security risk. Reducing and controlling admin rights greatly limits the damage if credentials are stolen.



3

Segment your network

If everything connects to everything else, one breach can soon spread. Separating guest Wi-Fi, operational systems and sensitive data restricts an attacker's ability to move through your systems and keeps them confined.



4

Test your backups

You don't know whether your backups provide protection unless you test them. Regular restore testing helps to ensure that you're not left exposed at the worst possible moment.



5

Monitor what matters

All too often, alerts are switched off, logs go unchecked and warnings are buried in inboxes. Early detection is crucial, but it requires vigilance – so make sure someone's monitoring what's happening.

Don't spend more – spend smarter

Cybersecurity isn't necessarily a matter of spending more all the time. Simply making better use of what you have can make a big difference.

So, before you break the bank, consider whether you're taking full advantage of the tools and features already at your disposal.

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