

Cyber Security: to close for comfort

There have been a number of reports in the news bringing cyber security into the spotlight. Let's look at some quick tips that you can use to help secure your business.



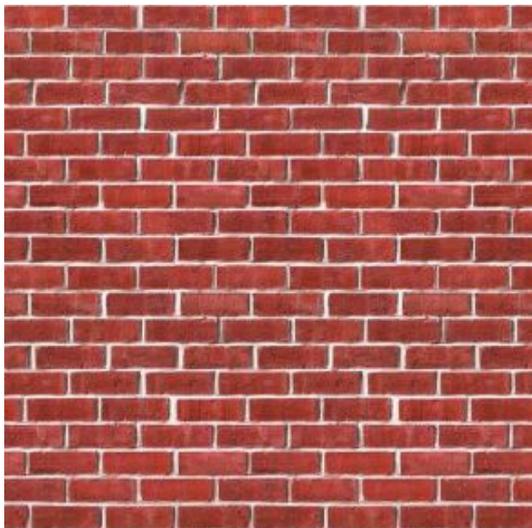
What just happened?

In the last few days, the Australian government announced that Australia was the victim of a large-scale cyber attack. This appeared to be targeted across multiple sectors. Fingers have been pointed to various sources, but in truth no one really knows where it originated. To some extent it doesn't matter where the attacks originated from, but it is more about what they achieved.

It has been reported that none of the attacks were successful, but they were significant enough to scare the government and those who were watching. Large corporations are a big target, but it's not just the big targets that are susceptible to cyber attacks.



Cyber security is an ever present risk. Sometimes we feel like 'it will never happen to us' (church) or that these are issues for larger organisations. The truth is that many attacks are automated and computers don't care who they attack. Here are three things that can help protect your business against cyber attacks.



Build a wall!

OK, not an actual wall, but a FIREWALL. Your Internet connection is the gateway to your business. If you don't use a firewall you have an open door to allow all sorts of nasties into your computer environment. Cyber security systems such as firewalls and Multi-Factor Authentication procedures can make all the difference.

Back up your data!

In 2018 the cyber security sector was valued at just over USD \$118 billion. Businesses can pour endless dollars into security, but if it fails, what do you do? Making sure that you have suitable backups of your IT systems will help you restore them if they are taken down by a cyber attack.



Educate your staff (and yourself!)

One of the most common methods of cyber attacks are those that take advantage of human error.

Ignorance around cyber security can defeat the toughest cyber defence. If you would like, we can provide you with some materials to help educate your team. Learning some simple strategies can mean the difference between defence and disaster.

I hope that these tips have been useful for you. When it comes to cyber security, be alert and not alarmed. With the correct systems in place, your organisation can be protected against cyber attacks of all types.