



Smart First Steps for a Safer, More Secure Business



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*Straightforward actions to boost trust, resilience,
and compliance – even if you're not a tech expert.*

Register with the ICO

If you collect customer names, emails, or any personal data, you're likely required to register with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and pay a small annual fee. It starts at just £40 per year.

Add a Privacy Policy to Your Website

If your website uses contact forms, cookies, or analytics tools, UK law says you must explain how data is used.

A short, clear Privacy Policy in your site's footer covers you.

Turn On Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Strong passwords aren't enough. MFA adds an extra layer of protection to logins – and blocks over 90% of common attacks.

Turn it on for email, cloud accounts, admin panels, and anywhere you can.

Enable Automatic Software Updates

Security flaws are patched in updates – but only if you apply them.

Make sure your devices, browsers, and apps are set to auto-update so you're protected without having to think about it.

Consider Cyber Essentials Certification

This UK government-backed scheme helps protect against the most common cyber threats.

It's optional, but it boosts trust, may be expected in some industries, and shows you're taking security seriously.

Final Note:

You don't need to be technical or tick every box today.

But these steps show clients, insurers, and regulators that you're building a safer, smarter business – and that you're serious about doing things properly.

These are small moves that build lasting trust – and reduce big risks.

