BITS Group Cyber Essentials Checklist

BITS Group checklist to help you get Cyber Essential certified.

- [ ] **1. Firewalls and Internet Gateways**
  - Ensure all devices connecting to the internet have a firewall enabled.
  - Change default administrative passwords to strong, unique ones.
  - Configure firewalls to block unauthorised access and permit only necessary services.
- [ ] **2. Secure Configuration**
  - Remove or disable unused software and accounts.
  - Set up systems with security in mind, disabling unnecessary features.
  - Implement strong password policies and enforce them
- [ ] **3. User Access Control**
  - Assign access rights based on job requirements., regularly review access privileges.
  - Use unique user IDs to track activities.
- [ ] **4. Malware Protection**
  - Install and maintain reputable anti-malware software on all devices.
  - Set up regular scans and automatic updates for malware definitions.
  - Educate staff on recognising and avoiding suspicious emails and websites.
- [ ] **5. Security Update Management**
  - Regularly check for and apply patches, especially for critical vulnerabilities. Automate updates for operating systems.
  - Maintain an inventory of all software and hardware to ensure updates are applied consistently.

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