

Protective Security Measures you can Employ

Three reasons to take small business security seriously:

- ⌘ Small businesses are often impacted by larger wide-spread attacks such as mass worm or credit card harvesting.
- ⌘ Security at larger companies is becoming tighter, which makes small business networks and individual PCs more tempting to attackers.
- ⌘ Not all threats come from outside your organisation - your security could be threatened by employee actions.

Seven Protective Measures YOU can Employ:

- 1. Protect Your Desktops and Laptops** -keep software up to date, protect against viruses and set up firewalls.
- 2. Keep Your Data Safe** - Implementing a regular backup procedure is a simple way to help safeguard critical business data. Setting permissions and using encryption will also help.
- 3. Use the Internet Safely** - Fraudulent Web sites, as well as pop-ups and animations, can be dangerous. Set rules about Internet usage to protect your business - and your employees.
- 4. Protect Your Network** - Remote access to your network may be a business necessity, but it is also a security risk you need to closely monitor. Use strong passwords and be especially cautious about wireless networks.
- 5. Protect Your Servers** - Your servers are your networks command centre. If they become compromised or damaged, your entire network is at risk. To protect your business, protect your servers.
- 6. Secure Your Line of Business Applications** - Make sure that software critical to your business operations are fully secured around the clock. Internal and external vulnerabilities can lead to lost productivity, lost data - or worse.
- 7. Manage Desktops and Laptops from the Server** - Updates are managed more easily and you can ensure everyone is on the same version. Also, without stringent administrative procedures in place, the security measures you take to safeguard your business may be unintentionally jeopardised by users.