



Protecting Your Business: Strengthening Your Device Defences



Your devices, laptops, desktops, phones, tablets are often your first line of defence against cyber threats. But all too often, these endpoints are left vulnerable due to simple oversights.

This month, we're highlighting *Device Security* with simple, actionable steps every business should take to strengthen protection across your team.

Key Ways to Secure Your Devices

1. **Keep Your Devices Updated**

Regular system updates patch critical vulnerabilities. Always apply operating system and application updates promptly to stay protected against known threats.

2. **Windows 10 End of Life – Act Now**

Windows 10 support ends in **October 2025**. After this date, devices running Windows 10 will no longer receive security updates, increasing the risk of compromise.

3. **Anti-Virus & Endpoint Protection**

Modern threats require more than just "basic antivirus."

We recommend **ESET Endpoint Protection**, which offers advanced real-time protection against ransomware, malware, phishing, and zero-day threats all centrally managed and monitored.

4. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Even if credentials are compromised, MFA prevents unauthorised access.
Enforce MFA across email, remote access, and key business applications.

5. Device Encryption

Encryption protects your data even if the device is lost or stolen.
Ensure full-disk encryption is enabled on all mobile and portable devices.

6. Device Lock & Auto Timeout

Leaving devices unlocked makes data theft easy.
Enable auto-lock after short periods of inactivity.

7. Secure Backups

Device failure or ransomware attacks can destroy data.
Always maintain secure, offsite, and tested backups.

8. Staff Awareness & Training

Most breaches start with human error.
Regular training helps staff spot phishing attempts, malicious links, and suspicious activity.

We Can Help

- Unsure if your device security is up to standard?
- Need help deploying or managing these protections?
- Want a Device Security Audit for peace of mind?

Get in touch with the Cortec team and we'll help you assess, improve, and maintain security across all devices.

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