

The Cyber Naughty & Nice List

Cyber Resolutions for 2026

Naughty

*Habits that land you on the wrong
side of Santa's List*

- Reusing passwords
- Using weak or shared passwords
- Delaying system or software updates
- Ignoring suspicious emails or clicking unknown links
- Running outdated or unsupported systems
- No backup or outdated backup system
- Backups that haven't been tested
- No documented disaster recovery plan
- No MFA on critical accounts
- Unsecured remote access
- Lack of regular cybersecurity training
- No monitoring or alerting for unusual activity

Nice

*Habits that keep your business secure
all year long*

- Using a password manager
- Enforcing strong, unique passwords
- Applying software patches promptly
- Reviewing and replacing outdated systems
- Enabling MFA across all users
- Quarterly (or automated) backup testing
- A documented, validated disaster recovery plan
- Secure and monitored remote access
- Regular cybersecurity training for all staff
- Role-based access permissions
- Device encryption and secure laptop handling
- Ongoing monitoring and alerting