

# *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- *Running outdated or unsupported systems*
- *No backup or outdated backup system*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- *Reviewing and replacing outdated systems*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*