WINDOWS CHECKLIST: BASIC

Start Downloading Important Service Packs and Windows Updates.   
o DO NOT RESTART UNTIL LATER!!   
• Look for alternatives to default applications   
o Install Firefox   
  
o Install AntiVirus (Microsoft Security Essentials)   
• Uninstall Dangerous Software   
• Account Management   
o Remove guest user   
o Remove old accounts   
o Ensure all accounts use strong passwords   
• Security Settings   
o Account Policies   
o Local Policies   
• Action Center   
• Windows Firewall   
• Secure Internet Connections   
• Services   
o Disable unnecessary services   
 IIS   
 Telnet   
 Web Services   
 FTP   
• Delete Suspicious Files (Write down file names and locations that were deleted)   
• Delete Unauthorized Files Write down file names and locations that were deleted)   
• Disable dangerous features   
• Configure System Startup   
• Attach Detection   
o Task Scheduler & Task Manager   
o Monitor Performance and Resource Usage   
o Port Checks   
o Event Viewer   
• Windows Update – Restart