

**LARGE SMB CHECKLIST — YES/NO SHORTHAND VERSION**  
(Full deep-dive — fast prompts + quick directions)

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**A. Business Info**

1–7. Business info / contacts / policies requested

→ Ask for: Business name, industry, contact, # employees, IT provider, date, policies (IR/BCP).  
YES/NO for each (or N/A)

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**B. Network / Wi-Fi (20+ checks)**

8. Router brand/model

→ Look at router label.

DONE

9. ISP-provided router?

→ Ask.

YES/NO

10. Router firmware updated

→ Router UI → Firmware/Update tab

YES/NO/UNKNOWN

11. Router admin password changed

→ Ask “Was default changed?”

YES/NO

12. WPA2/WPA3 in use

→ Router UI → Wi-Fi → Security Mode

YES/NO

13. Guest Wi-Fi exists

→ Check SSID list on phone or router

YES/NO

14. Guest Wi-Fi isolated

→ Router → Guest → “Access LAN” OFF

YES/NO

15. VLANs used

→ Router UI → Network/VLANs

YES/NO

16. SSID broadcasting behavior

→ Router UI → Hide SSID?

YES/NO

17. Wi-Fi password complexity

→ Ask owner: simple vs long/random

YES/NO

18. WPS disabled

→ Router → WPS → OFF

YES/NO

19. UPnP disabled

→ Router → Advanced → UPnP → OFF

YES/NO

20. Firewall enabled

→ Router → Firewall/Security → ON

YES/NO/UNKNOWN

21. External admin disabled

→ Router → Remote Management → OFF

YES/NO

22. DNS settings secure

→ Router → DNS (Cloudflare/Google/ISP)

→ If ISP/Default = OK, but note

YES/NO

23. DHCP scope reviewed

- Router → LAN/DHCP
  - Look for weird devices
- DONE/NOT DONE
24. Unknown devices present
- Router → Connected Devices
- YES/NO
25. IoT devices isolated
- Ask: "Are cameras/printers on their own network?"
- YES/NO
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● C. Workstations / Devices (15+ checks)

Choose one main PC + ask about rest.

26. Total workstation count
- Ask
27. Endpoint management used?
- Ask if IT manages patches centrally
- YES/NO
28. Windows Update current
- PC: Settings → Update
- YES/NO
29. Antivirus centrally managed
- Ask: "Is AV managed by IT?"
- YES/NO
30. BitLocker enabled
- PC: Manage BitLocker
- YES/NO
31. Auto-lock enabled
- Settings → Accounts → Sign-in options
- YES/NO
32. Local admin restricted
- Computer Management → Groups → Administrators
- YES/NO
33. Shared logins found
- Ask: shared accounts?
- YES/NO
34. Unsupported OS present
- Settings → System → About
  - Windows 7/8?
- YES/NO
35. Software patching routine
- Ask: "How often do you update business apps?"
- YES/NO
36. USB unrestricted
- Ask: "Can staff plug in any USB?"
- YES/NO
37. RDP enabled
- SystemPropertiesRemote.exe
- YES/NO
38. RDP brute-force logs found
- Event Viewer (Security) → 4625 spikes
- YES/NO/NOT CHECKED
39. Password manager used
- Ask
- YES/NO
40. Local firewall enabled

→ Windows Security → Firewall

YES/NO

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● D. Servers & Backups (15+ checks)

41. Server present

→ Ask / observe

YES/NO

42. Server OS version

→ Check or ask

SUPPORTED/UNSUPPORTED

43. Backups scheduled

→ Ask: frequency?

YES/NO

44. Backups offsite/cloud

→ Ask: cloud, drive rotation, etc.

YES/NO

45. Backup encrypted

→ Ask IT or owner

YES/NO/UNKNOWN

46. Backup integrity tested

→ Ask: "Ever restored from backup?"

YES/NO

47. Shadow copies enabled

→ Server Manager (if applicable)

YES/NO/NOT CHECKED

48. Disaster recovery (DR) plan exists

→ Ask

YES/NO

49. Server shares audited

→ Check sample share → Properties → Security

DONE/NOT DONE

50. Overly permissive shares

→ Check "Everyone" or broad groups

YES/NO

51. Critical data location known

→ Ask: "Where do you store most important files?"

YES/NO

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● E. Accounts / Access Control (10+ checks)

52. Unique accounts per employee

→ Ask

YES/NO

53. Password complexity enforced

→ Ask/IT

YES/NO

54. Password rotation policy

→ Ask

YES/NO

55. MFA on email

→ Ask

YES/NO

56. MFA on admin accounts

→ Ask IT or owner

YES/NO

57. Inactive accounts removed

- Ask: offboarding process?  
YES/NO
  - 58. Default accounts disabled  
→ PC: Users → Guest/Admin disabled?  
YES/NO
  - 59. Group memberships reviewed  
→ Ask IT: "Ever audit permissions?"  
YES/NO
  - 60. Privilege creep observed  
→ Does everyone have too much access?  
YES/NO
  - 61. Service accounts documented  
→ Ask  
YES/NO/NOT DOCUMENTED
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- F. Email / Cloud Security
  - 62. Email provider (M365/Google/etc.)  
→ Ask  
NAME
  - 63. MFA required for staff  
→ Ask → "Do all staff use MFA?"  
YES/NO
  - 64. Spam/phishing filtering enabled  
→ Ask / check admin center if allowed  
YES/NO
  - 65. Suspicious forwarding rules  
→ If allowed: Gmail/M365 admin → check rules  
YES/NO/NOT CHECKED
  - 66. External sender tagging enabled  
→ [External] tag?  
YES/NO
  - 67. DMARC/SPF/DKIM configured  
→ Ask IT or check DNS if you have permission  
YES/NO/UNKNOWN
  - 68. Password reset policies reviewed  
→ Ask owner  
YES/NO
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- G. Business Processes (10+ checks)
- 69. Cybersecurity training done  
YES/NO
- 70. Phishing simulations done  
YES/NO
- 71. Incident Response Plan documented  
YES/NO
- 72. Business Continuity Plan documented  
YES/NO
- 73. Vendor access restricted  
→ Ask: "Do vendors have login access?"  
YES/NO
- 74. Onboarding procedure documented  
YES/NO
- 75. Offboarding procedure documented  
YES/NO
- 76. Personal device policy exists  
YES/NO

77. Remote access policy exists

YES/NO

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 H. Physical Security (5 checks)

78. Server/network closet locked

YES/NO

79. Networking equipment secured

YES/NO

80. Cameras secured

→ Ask or observe

YES/NO

81. No sensitive paperwork exposed

YES/NO

82. Workstations not exposed to public

YES/NO

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 I. Summary Notes (final items)

83. High-severity risks (list)

84. Medium-severity risks

85. Low-severity risks

86. Quick wins

87. Long-term improvements

88. Owner concerns

89. Follow-up scheduled

90. Anything unusual found