

Cybersecurity for Nebraska



Protecting Local Businesses in the Digital Age



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what is Cybersecurity!



Why does my business need it?



PROTECTION

Protects Network
Traffic In & Out



FILTERS

Filters out attacks, ransomware, and unwanted snooping on data



Can segment a network into multiple sections, restricting communication between them for security



COMPLIANCE

Helps businesses stay compliant with cybersecurity regulations (e.g., HIPAA, PCI DSS, GDPR) or financial transactions.



PREVENTION

Prevents external access to internal network traffic



DEFENSE

Defends against hackers, DDoS attacks, and unauthorized access to private and secure information





Antivirus



INDIVIDUAL DEVICES

Works on individual devices rather than the entire network



SCANS FILES

Scans files for malicious code and security threats



REMOVES MALWARE

Identifies and removes viruses, worms, trojans, ransomware, & spyware



SHUTS DOWN PROGRAMS

Can shut down compromised programs from sending or receiving data



DETECTS & REMOVES THREATS

Actively scans the system and hard drive to detect and eliminate threats before they cause damage.



Working Together

A **firewall** acts as the **airport security checkpoint**—it screens passengers (data traffic) before they reach the gate, blocking unauthorized access and potential threats *before they enter*.

Antivirus is like the **flight crew and Air Marshal**—once inside the airplane (your system), they monitor for suspicious activity, remove threats, and ensure everything runs safely.

Satisfies Compliance Regulations

Reduces Risk

Antivirus provides the next layer, detecting and removing anything that gets through.

Firewalls serve as the **first line of defense**, blocking threats before they reach your system.

Protect Your Business

In December 2024, the Lincoln-based credit union Liberty First reported a data breach that may have affected 52,496 people. The attackers claimed to have stolen 254 GB of sensitive data, including client databases, passports, and financial records.

Intellectual Property

Client Information

Approximately **40% of law firms** reported experiencing a security breach within the year (2023) - Among firms that experienced breaches, **56% lost confidential client data**. *Source*.

Financial & Banking Information

System & Network Credentials

Business & operational Data

February 21, Change Healthcare, one of the largest healthcare technology companies in the U.S. was hit with a cyberattack affecting Nebraska Hospitals:

- Prior authorizations for pharmaceuticals, procedures, and surgeries
- Insurance verification for inpatient stays
- Precise cost estimates for patients
- Patient billing.