# 7 Reasons Why Your Organisation Should Have a Cyber Security Audit

#### **Understanding the Landscape**

A cyber security audit provides a systematic, scheduled and thorough examination of your organisation's cyber security stance, infrastructure, policies, and practices to help you uncover holes in your defensive armour in a timely manner.

### **Future-Proofing the Business**

Regular audits ensure that your organisation is adapting to new threats, technologies, and business practices. This approach helps you to stay ahead of potential risks and keep your business future-proofed against emerging and evolving cyber threats.

### Compliance and Legal Requirements

Many industries are subject to specific regulations and legal requirements governing the protection and handling of sensitive data. A cyber security audit helps ensure that your organisation is compliant with these regulations, reducing legal risks and potential penalties.

# **Enhancing Operational Resilience**

Disruption to business operations due to cyber attacks can be crippling, resulting in business downtime, loss of critical data, and decreased productivity. By conducting a cyber security audit, your organisation is better prepared for potential attacks. An audit gives you the opportunity to enhance your incident response capabilities and strengthen your operational resilience.

#### **Uncover Vulnerabilities**

These vulnerabilities could range from outdated software, weak passwords, inadequate access controls and unpatched software. Identifying and addressing these weaknesses early helps prevent cyber attacks and data breaches.

# **Protecting Customer Trust**

A cyber security audit demonstrates your commitment to safeguarding your customer and employee data, building trust. The stronger your security measures, the more confidence customers will have in your organisation's ability to protect their sensitive data.

# Mitigating Financial Loss

The costs associated with a breach include legal fees, compensation to affected parties, system restoration, and damage to your organisation's reputation. A cyber security audit helps identify potential weaknesses and prevents or mitigates the financial and unquantifiable losses associated with a cyber attack.

Sharp's Complete Security Audit pinpoints weaknesses and highlights key areas of improvement within your IT environment.

# For more information about the Complete Security Audit visit:

https://www.sharp.co.uk/it-services/businesscyber-security/complete-security-audit

