

Cyber Security Insights

From an SME perspective

SME organisations of all types and sizes have to navigate a complex security landscape. In fact, one quarter admitted to being breached in the last 12 months.


To get the full picture, Sharp conducted research with 5,770 IT decision makers in SMEs from 11 European countries; uncovering rising concerns over security risks and the steps and obstacles they need to overcome to see improvements.

Let's explore the UK results.

Risk is up, and so are attacks

SME organisations are impacted

25%  have been impacted by a computer virus attack

16%  have been impacted by a printer security breach

38%  are more worried about IT security breaches than 12 months ago

30%  admitted to being the victims of phishing, malware, and data loss


Security breach fallout: profit, loyalty, and reputation


The big three concerns of a breach


- 1** Losing money
- 2** Losing customer confidence
- 3** Negative brand impact

Security is a journey

There's remaining steps SMEs need to take to improve security

55%  haven't implemented multi-factor authentication

42%  don't have strong password policies

57%  don't have mobile security

35%  don't have a firewall

How safe is your hybrid model?

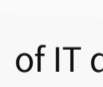
Security training isn't scaling up in line with risk

59%  haven't increased security training since moving to a hybrid working model

30%  are concerned about IT security risks because of hybrid working

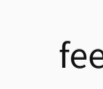
See it like the experts

Even for IT decision makers, confidence is low

61%  of IT decision makers lack confidence in their business' ability to handle IT security risks

False sense of security?

Trust in training is high

92%  feel that adequate training on security is given to all employees

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