

BEST PRACTICES FOR CYBER SECURITY

1 IDENTIFY OUR KEY ASSETS

- What do we use?
- What is vital to operations?
- Who manages the asset?

2 BACKUP OUR ASSETS

- Resilience to disasters
- Testing the backups
- Physically distribute

3 CONTROL ACCESS CAREFULLY

- Minimize permissions
- Multi-person approvals
- Audit access logs

4 USE STRONG PROOF OF IDENTITY

- Multiple authentication
- Hardware tokens
- Biometrics

5 ENGAGE THE TEAM

- Employees
- Contractors
- Vendors

6 CREATE A RECOVERY PLAN

- Insure assets/recovery
- Know reporting laws
- Ensure mission continuity

7 QUESTION ONLINE INTERACTIONS

- Email may be phishing
- Links may invite malware
- Social engineering is common

8 USE TRUSTWORTHY NETWORKS

- Use VPNs when possible
- Only use secured WiFi networks
- Attacks possible via unknown WiFi

9 USE A FIREWALL

- Corporate firewalls at work
- Software firewalls at home
- Experts can help tune firewalls

10 EDUCATE YOURSELF

- IT trainings about latest threats
- Ask questions about risks
- Learn and follow best practices

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For more information on Cyber Security practices – there is a wealth of in-depth information available for members on the MIIA website. Visit eMIIA.org



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