



Online Safety Checklist

Organization:	
Date:	
Inspector:	
Title:	

NOTE: The following list of inspections provides a form for identifying the “basic” cybersecurity items. This list is by no means a complete list of risk control exposures. A “No” response in the following topics may indicate a need for additional safety/risk management measures.

Administrative

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. There are written guidelines in place for:				
• protecting data				
• confidentiality of data				
• expectations of privacy				
• monitoring privacy issues				
• limiting data access and use				
• password management and requirements				
• “bring your own device” (BYOD)				
• handling security incidents				
• social media posting and management				
2. The conference or other legal entity has cyber insurance that covers the organization.				
3. There is a process for verifying third parties’ security controls that have access to any personal data.				

Inventory

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. List of all hardware and software used.				
2. All non-essential software has been removed from ministry devices.				
3. Someone is assigned to track all ministry hardware and software annually.				
4. Inventory of all technology assets with the potential to store or process information, regardless if connected to the network or not.				



Users and Password Management

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. All wireless networks have passwords.				
2. All system default passwords have been changed.				
3. Wireless networks are configured with WPA2 encryption.				
4. Users have been told about their responsibility for password/account protection.				
5. Establishment of separate administrator and operator accounts, permissions, and passwords.				
6. All passwords are unique and meet the minimum 12-character alpha-numeric requirement.				
7. Multi-factor authentication (MFA or 2FA) has been enabled on all accounts, which offers this additional security layer.				
8. User accounts and network/data access have been set up using the rule of least privilege, which grants access to the level necessary to complete approved actions.				
9. Privileged accounts have been reviewed and restricted as necessary.				
10. Individuals with privileged access have signed a user agreement and undergone a background check.				
11. Unused accounts have been deleted.				
12. Shared credentials/accounts have been identified, and there is documentation regarding who has access. (Shared accounts are not recommended.)				
13. Only role-based permissions are implemented where feasible.				



Connectivity

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. All Internet of Things (IOT) connected devices are on a separate network segment (VLAN or guest network) that do not have access to internal resources.				
2. All vendor access has been removed when not in active use.				
3. All internet access goes through a firewall.				
4. Guest users only have access to a separate wireless network, and guest devices cannot connect to other guest devices over the Guest network.				
5. Guest users are not able to access internal devices.				

Physical Access

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. There is documentation about who controls access to all equipment locations, including electrical, mechanical, and communication rooms.				
2. There is documentation about how access to equipment locations is obtained, including after-hours access.				
3. Physical security of system components is confirmed as part of the inventory process.				
4. Unauthorized devices, such as personal mobile devices, are restricted from accessing internal networks.				

Awareness

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. Users have been trained/educated on the risks of installing new software related to the work of the ministry (e.g., games, chat, shopping apps, etc.).				
2. All personnel interacting with ministry computers receive cybersecurity awareness training at least once each year.				
3. Users have signed an agreement not to misuse ministry devices or internet access.				



Process

Item	YES	NO	N/A	Description/Recommendation
1. There is a documented cyber-incident response plan for all devices and systems.				
2. System logs are collected, reviewed, and appropriate actions taken.				
3. All systems are updated automatically, with the latest patches installed on release.				
4. All software is updated automatically, with the latest patches installed on release.				
5. Firewalls are enabled on all devices.				
6. All systems are running antivirus software that is regularly updated.				
7. All systems that can no longer be updated and/or patched are removed from the network.				
8. Offline backups are used and tested at least quarterly.				
9. All portable devices and drives are encrypted.				
10. All connections to the internet are filtered to prevent malware or unwanted content from being accessed on the ministry network or systems.				
11. Unused network data drops are unplugged from the network, so they cannot be used without authorization.				
12. Only approved cloud services are used, and their use is documented				