

Laptop & Desktop Security

When it comes to cybersecurity, physical security matters just as much as digital protection. Laptops and desktop computers store sensitive company and personal data, and a single lapse, such as leaving a device unattended, can open the door to data theft or misuse.



How Attacks Happen

Unlocked Screens

An unattended, unlocked desktop computer or laptop provides instant access to emails, documents, and systems with no hacking required. Even a few moments of access can be enough to steal information.

Tip: Always lock your screen (Windows+L or Command+Control+Q) when away from your desk.

Disabled Protections

Turning off antivirus software or firewalls makes devices vulnerable to malware and network attacks. Without these safeguards, attackers have an easier path in.

Tip: Keep antivirus and firewalls enabled at all times to strengthen your first line of defence.

Unattended Devices

Leaving laptops in public spaces or even unlocked in the office can allow thieves or unauthorised individuals to access sensitive files within minutes.

Tip: Never leave your laptop unattended, and always lock your screen before stepping away.

Stolen Hardware

Lost or stolen laptops can expose vast amounts of company data if the drive is not encrypted. Criminals can access stored files or attempt to crack weak protections.

Tip: Encrypt drives to protect data if a device is ever lost or stolen.

