

# Software Updates & Patching

Out-of-date software is one of the easiest ways for hackers to break in. Criminals actively search for unpatched vulnerabilities in operating systems, apps, and devices. Skipping updates leaves security gaps wide open, making your organisation an easy target.



## Why Updates Matter



### Exploiting Known Flaws

When software makers release updates, the details of the vulnerabilities often become public. Hackers quickly exploit systems that haven't been patched.

**Tip:** *Install updates and patches promptly to close the door before attackers get in.*

### Antivirus & Security Tools

Security software is only effective if it's up to date. Old versions may miss the latest threats.

**Tip:** *Keep antivirus and endpoint protection current at all times.*



### Automatic Updates

Manually updating every system can be time-consuming. Enabling automatic updates ensures critical patches are applied quickly.

**Tip:** *Turn on automatic updates wherever possible for faster protection.*

### Don't Forget Restarts

Some updates only take effect after a restart. Delaying this can leave systems exposed longer than you think.

**Tip:** *Restart devices regularly so updates are fully applied.*

