

# Cyber security

**Regardless of size or sector, all businesses work with confidential data, which they are bound by law to protect. The vulnerability of this data is a major business risk: at the end of 2016, the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) reported that 42% of its members had been victims of cyber-crime in the previous 12 months, with an estimated cost to the UK economy of £5.26bn.**

Each day it seems there is a new critical update here or a report of a data leak there, and when we read that some of the biggest corporate names are vulnerable, it's hard to believe there is anything that we as small business owners and individuals can possibly do: what do we know of issues such as boundary firewalls, internet gateways, secure configuration or patch management?

But **the laws that govern data protection are tightening** and it's an issue you cannot afford to ignore. Cyber security is about assessing and resolving issues in your organisation that could compromise your ability to keep information, intellectual property and sensitive data safe.

Our services range from a free cyber health check for your organisation, to a full holistic company review including technical configuration assessment, governance and supply chain.

But at Risk Evolves we believe that, **while cyber security has its roots in technology, it is more than just an IT problem:** all too often it's our own ignorance and carelessness that allow vulnerabilities to be exploited and the problem to spread. That's why we put people firmly at the centre of the equation. In addition to free informational seminars on Cyber Risk for key personnel, individual teams and senior leadership, we can provide full training to transform your company personnel into your strongest cyber allies.

We also offer full support to guide you through the certification process for official schemes such as:



IASME®  
Consortium  
Self-Certified  
Company

**IASME** (Information Assurance for Small to Medium-sized Enterprises)

This standard demonstrates baseline compliance to ISO27001 and now includes readiness for the General Data Protection Regulation. It was drawn up specifically for small businesses and is based on international best practice.



**Cyber Essentials**

This government-backed, industry-developed initiative can reduce the risk of a breach by around 80%. It is an affordable option to improve security and raise the credibility of organisations ranging from one-man businesses to companies employing thousands.

