## Cyberattack Prevention Checklist

10 Important Steps for Organizations to Prevent Cyberattacks and Minimize Liability:

Adopt a Zero Trust Network Access Framework
Requiring authentication, authorization, and continuous validation
Use firewalls, anti-virus software, endpoint detection and response tools, and security information and event management products  Continuously monitor networks and assets for unauthorized activity
Perform software security patching and address critical vulnerability updates as soon as possible
Implement data minimization measures and inventory all internal and external software, services, and systems
Implement network segregation controls Segregate critical networks and services on the network and deploy defenses, ensuring any sensitive data is encrypted, segregated, and safeguarded
Deploy an Incident Response Plan
Employ Multi-Factor Authentication and use strong passwore
Create and maintain daily encrypted back-ups of data, stored off the organization's network
Manage third-party risks by regularly evaluating and monitoring vendors for risk

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