



TAKE CONTROL!

TOP TEN TIPS FOR CREATING AN ENDPOINT SECURITY POLICY

1 Keep your anti-malware protection completely up to date

Making sure you install software patches and anti-malware software updates as soon as they become available is the number one action you can take to protect your endpoint desktops, laptops and file servers.

2 Stop the threats that bypass the gateway

Mobile devices like PDAs, mobile phones and USB tokens that plug straight into the desktop can infect the network with spyware, viruses and other malware unless endpoint anti-malware protection is installed.

3 Install a centrally managed client firewall

A firewall on your endpoint computers will stop day zero threats and preventing intrusion from hackers.

4 Ensure software is checked by IT

IT should check that any programs are clean and will know what software is installed on which computers.

5 Prevent cyberslackers from using unauthorized applications

87% of respondents in a Sophos web poll said they would like to block some legitimate applications like Instant Messaging clients, VoIP clients and P2P file-sharing applications, all of which can waste time and hog bandwidth.

6 Educate users about the full scope of the security threat

It's not just a question of not opening attachments from unknown senders. According to recent Sophos web polls, 72% of users choose weak passwords and 79% of employees act unsafely online.

7 Wave goodbye to uncontrolled surfing

Malicious websites can infect your network and steal confidential information, while inappropriate websites can offend your employees or waste business time.

8 Make sure your endpoint security policy is integrated with your gateway security policy

Because of the complexity of today's fast-moving threats that blend different spreading mechanisms, it is important that endpoint security is just one component of a network-wide policy.

9 Protect your organization from prosecution

Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA, the Data Protection Act – legal requirements around the world insist that all confidential personal data is completely secure.

10 Stay informed

With the motivation behind cybercrime now overwhelmingly financial, attacks are becoming ever more sophisticated, targeted and rapid and the successful IT manager will be the one who stays one step ahead.

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