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How to Combat Security Risks While Working From Home

The pandemic accelerated work-from-home adoption virtually overnight. While many organizations embraced hybrid models, this rapid transition exposed critical security vulnerabilities that employees and companies weren't prepared to handle.

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The Security Challenge

15%

Security Awareness

Only 15% of people know how to protect themselves from cyberattacks

Taking work computers home creates serious risks: data loss, data theft, and lack of built-in security measures. The key questions: Who has access to your home office? How safe is your network? Can someone steal your laptop?

The good news: You can avoid these risks by being responsible and alert.

3 Most Common Security Challenges

Unsecured WiFi Networks

Home networks lack company security measures like antivirus programs and firewalls, making them easier targets for malware and malicious attacks.

Phishing Scams

Hackers steal personal information through fraudulent emails, SMS, or calls. Coronavirus-themed phishing attacks are on the rise, targeting passwords and bank details.

Using Personal Devices

Personal laptops often lack appropriate security measures and backup mechanisms, directly exposing data to unsecured environments and increasing malware risk.

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Spotting Phishing Scams

01

Check sender's email address

Verify the email comes from a legitimate source

02

Examine the URL carefully

Look for slight variations like www.1bank.com vs www.bank.com

03

Look for poor grammar

Professional companies rarely send emails with errors

04

Never open attachments

Suspicious attachments can contain malware

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Don't reply to suspicious emails

Forward to the legitimate company instead

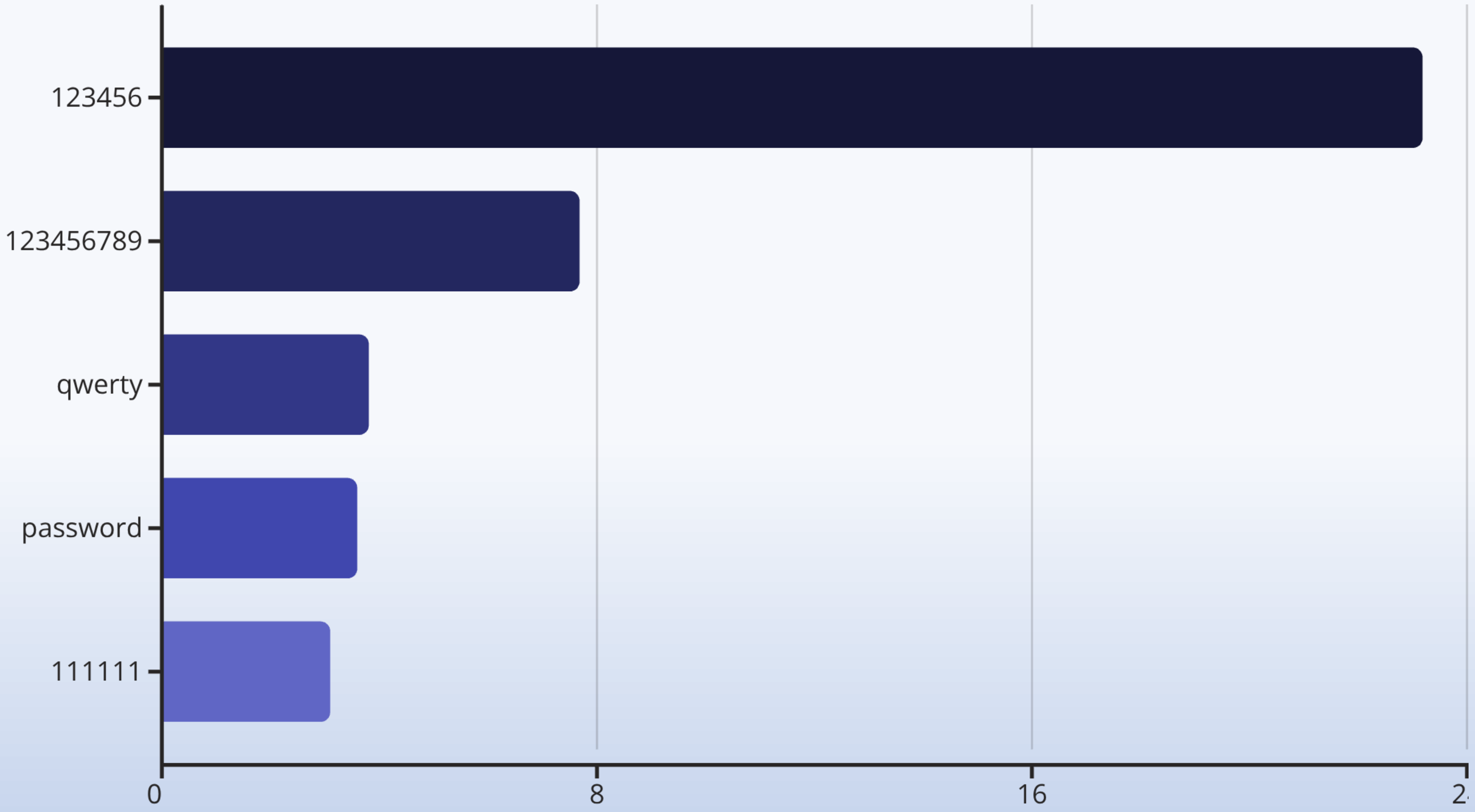
06

Alert your co-workers

Share information to protect the entire team

The Password Problem

Most Common Passwords in 2019



Password Best Practices

- Create strong passwords with symbols and numbers
- Change passwords every 30-90 days
- Use password managers like KeePass
- Never write passwords on post-its

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Essential Device Security

1

Use Company Computers Only

Personal computers lack proper safeguards and can infect secure networks with malware. Using work computers for personal tasks also creates privacy risks.

2

Lock Your Devices

Always lock your screen when leaving your workstation. Protect business phones with strong passwords, not pattern locks which are vulnerable to social engineering.

3

Never Leave Devices Unattended

Physical access is a real threat. Unattended devices can be stolen or accessed, allowing unauthorized data downloads or deletion.

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Network Security Essentials

Avoid Unsecured WiFi

Encrypted WiFi protects data from interception. Unsecured networks expose login information, emails, and instant messages to third parties.

Use VPN

Virtual Private Networks mask your IP address and create encrypted connections, providing greater privacy than even secured WiFi hotspots.

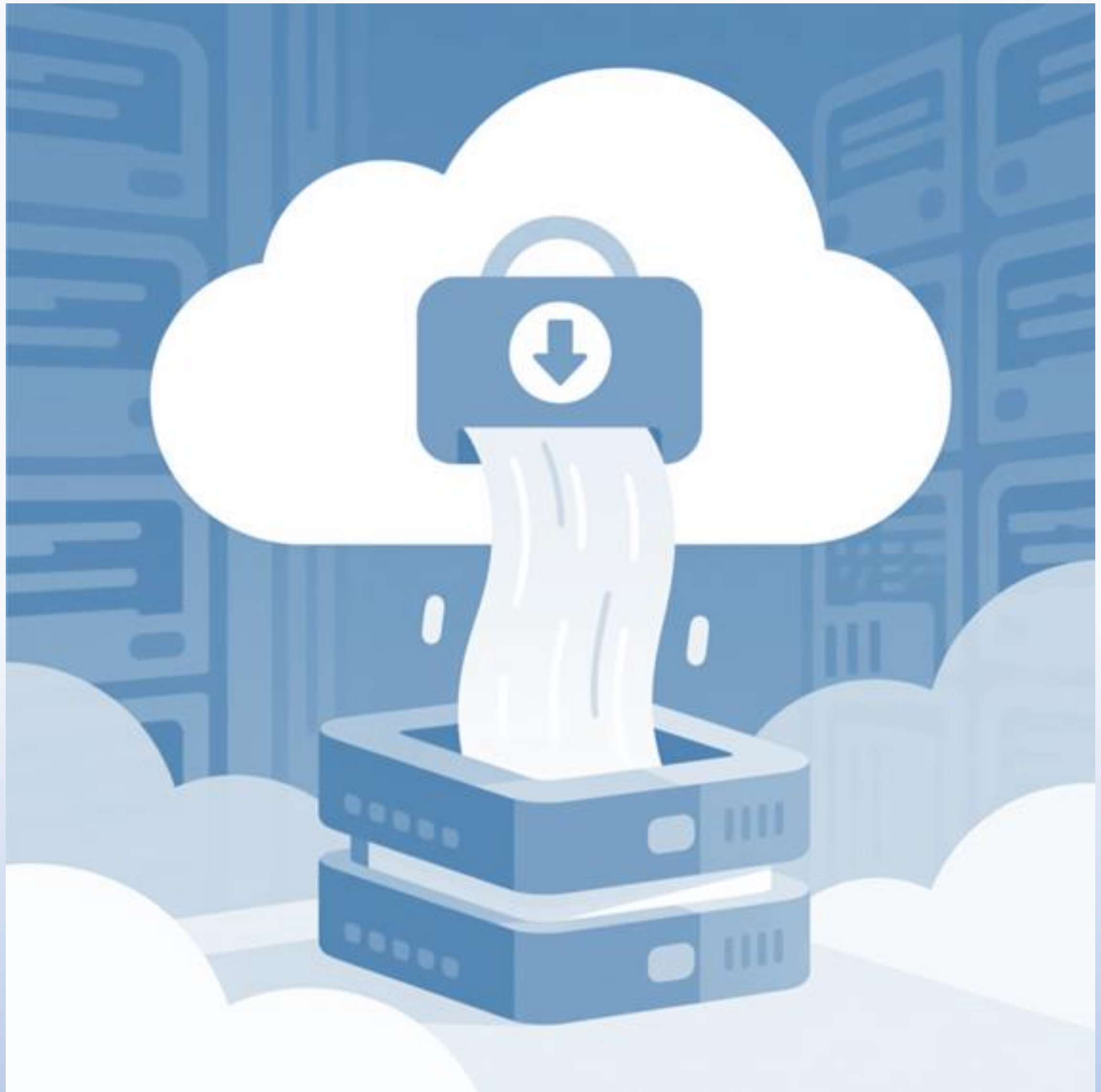
Enable Firewalls

Firewalls monitor traffic and block malicious programs. Turn on built-in firewalls on your device and router as your first line of defense.

Defense Systems

Antivirus Programs

Data Backup



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Education is Key

Human error is the most common security risk

Attend Security Training

Participate in periodic cybersecurity education conducted by your company's security officer.

Ask Questions

Contact your IT department or security expert for guidelines on remote work responsibilities.

Share Information

Report suspicious activity and alert co-workers about potential threats immediately.

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Organizations Must Take Action

Companies with remote employees must ensure the same security conditions as in-office workers. This requires comprehensive policies and support.

Create Remote Working Policies

Develop clear guidelines that help employees navigate security incidents and adapt to remote work challenges.

Implement Technical Measures

Explain password creation, device protection, network login procedures, and incident response protocols.

Provide Organizational Support

Ensure employees have VPN access, security tools, and ongoing education to maintain data protection standards.

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