

## Holiday Season is prime time for Cyber Attacks

Cyber attacks over major holidays have come to be expected. As Christmas and the New Year approaches, we urge our clients to stay vigilant as the likelihood of suffering a cyber attack increases.

Unsupervised IT networks during the festive season are prime pickings for opportunistic cyber criminals. They are more likely to go undetected when hacking into a system over the holidays when the office is either shut or working with a reduced staff. Some things you can do to reduce the risk include:



Update **Business Continuity Plan** to include an attack over the Christmas holidays, with reduced staff



Make sure any **patches** that become available are downloaded automatically or that patches are monitored and prioritised



Enable **Multi-Factor Authentication**



Ensure **back-ups** are working effectively and test restoration capabilities



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