BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Cyber Security Checklist

Before The Shopping Frenzy

○ **Update all systems:** Ensure all devices have the latest software, antivirus, and firewall updates.

○ **Prepare incident response plan:** Update and circulate your cyber incident response plan.

○ **Implement strong, unique passwords:** Use strong passwords and a password manager for all accounts.

○ **Enable multi-factor authentication:** Enforce MFA where available to enhance security.

○ **Educate staff on cybersecurity best practices:** Conduct awareness training on the risks of online shopping scams.

○ **Backup all critical business data:** Ensure comprehensive backups are done before the shopping period.

○ **Review access controls:** Reassess user permissions to ensure minimum necessary access.

During Black Friday and Cyber Monday

○ **Monitor transactions and system activity:** Keep an eye on all financial transactions and system logs.

○ **Set up alerts for unusual patterns**: Configure alerts for suspicious activities like large transactions.

○ **Implement real-time monitoring:** Enhance monitoring to detect and respond to threats immediately.

Advise your employees to:

○ **Use secure, reputable payment gateways:** Only process payments through secure and vetted gateways.

○ **Verify unexpected offers:** Verify any offers that seem too good to be true.

○ **Think before you click:** If a link looks suspicious, it probably is—don’t click it.

○ **Check website legitimacy:** Use FraudSmarts’ scamchecker.ie to verify the legitimacy of unfamiliar sites.

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