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Some Tips to Manage Cybersecurity Risks While Working from Home (WFH)

Cybersecurity risks are rising as employees WFH and suddenly access sensitive resources from anywhere. Employees may now be on the front lines of information security. Your company may have comprehensive cybersecurity policies to follow; these policies must now be considered within your employees' home environments to help protect data and ensure networks are kept secure.

According to BitSight's research¹:

- WFH environments may expose companies to vulnerable devices and services through their employees' unknowing use of malware-infected networks.
- Networks used to WFH are 3.5 times more likely to have malware present than the traditional corporate network.
- 45% of companies had malware on their employees' work from home networks, whereas only 13% of companies had malware on their corporate networks.
- Commonly observed exposed devices include cable modems, routers, cameras, storage peripherals and other IoT devices. Most of these interfaces are inadvertently accessible or infrequently updated by the user, heightening the exposure.

Tools like VPNs can help protect data and online connections, but employees may need to adapt in other ways. [This resource from Norton Anti-Virus provides some great tips on keeping your company's cybersecurity posture strong while doing your job from home.](#)

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¹ Cision PR Newswire, 'Rush to work from home exposes alarming security issues, BitSight research shows', April 14, 2020, <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/rush-to-work-from-home-exposes-alarming-security-issues-bitsight-research-shows-301039749.html>
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