



Cyber Security

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If your business was *attacked* today, would it be protected?

Organised crime has shifted its focus to SMEs, where the risks of being caught are much lower and many businesses are under protected. Cyber crime is an ongoing critical business risk and although technology evolves to protect businesses, cyber criminals develop faster, newer ways to steal assets and identities and interrupt business activities.

If your business was targeted today, would your cyber security protocols be sufficient to protect your valuable and sensitive company information? If you're not sure, then the chances are that your business is not doing everything it can to avoid being a victim of the latest cyber scams.

However, there are practical ways that businesses can reduce the risk of cyber-attacks and PKF Francis Clark can work with you to implement and maintain robust cyber security policies and procedures.

Prioritising and dealing with cyber security also demonstrates good governance which can impact on shareholder and customer confidence.



Why choose PKF Francis Clark's *Cyber Security* service?

- we are a local certification body accredited to provide assurance using UK Government backed schemes
- we have 100 years as a trusted partner supporting our clients' business interests
- we can provide CEOs and board directors with peace of mind and comfort through good corporate governance
- we will help you deal with a business risk facing all companies
- we can support you to achieve accreditation which will enable you to bid for government contracts and other tenders where accreditation is required
- we can help you to obtain lower insurance premiums
- we will provide support so that you are GDPR ready regarding the storage, handling and safeguarding of corporate information
- we are fully accredited under IASME Gold and Cyber Essentials PLUS

Our *Cove* Cyber Security

Service offers:

An initial, free, no-obligation site visit

Contact cyber@pkf-francisclark.co.uk

Information assurance

A review which identifies a client's current cyber risks across technology, data, delivery channels and the external environment.

Vulnerability assessment

An evaluation of the security controls within an organisation including processes, guidelines and standards, security processes and incident management. This also includes a technical assessment of the current vulnerabilities.

Penetration testing

Simulated attacks which evaluate the security of your organisation. Penetration testing can be conducted from different perspectives depending on requirements and can either be performed remotely to simulate an attack over the internet, or internally to simulate an internal threat. These are designed to offer clients maximum assurance whilst ensuring that testing is safe and non-disruptive.

Training

A programme designed to brief employees on their corporate and security responsibilities and to ensure that staff contracts include security obligations and reminders which are sent at regular intervals. We can provide cyber security training to ensure that your employees are up to date with the latest threats.

“ IASME recommended three Certification Bodies but PKF Francis Clark were the stand-out option, not just on the grounds of price but also on the quality of the people and their approach to it.

Because we support businesses with their IT, we have access to all their systems and networks, so they want to know that we are secure. Demonstrating that we have been independently verified as cyber secure gives our clients reassurance that they can trust our services. It also greatly enhances our reputation and credibility and gives us a competitive edge over those IT businesses that don't have it.

It was far more than checking our systems and then sending a bill. They gave some pre-guidance and they held our hands through the process. It can be quite daunting having your network checked over by someone else but Richard Wilding (Head of Cyber Services at PKF Francis Clark) made us feel that we were in the right hands.

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*Mark Rowland
Managing Director
Cutec Ltd*

We can also provide guidance on the UK Government backed accreditation schemes:

Cyber Essentials



We offer on-site support and assistance along with an external vulnerability scan. This scheme comprises a self-assessment questionnaire to help businesses understand the five key control areas: boundary firewalls and internet gateway, secure configuration, user access control, malware protection and patch management.

Cyber Essentials Plus



Building on Cyber Essentials, we offer an on-site technical assessment together with support that includes penetration tests and more in-depth vulnerability scans. This scheme also comprises a self-assessment questionnaire, with the addition of actively testing and measuring results from the five key areas: boundary firewalls and internet gateway, secure configuration, user access control, malware protection and patch management.

IASME Certification



There are two options: verified self-assessment and Gold. Gold includes an on-site audit and was built along the same lines as ISO27001 and NIST 800 and demonstrates baseline compliance with ISO27001. This standard compliments the Cyber Essentials domain with risk management, governance, training, procedures, incident management and business continuity aspects. A certified IASME Gold organisation will also receive the Cyber Essentials certification. IASME accreditation enables you to demonstrate your GDPR credentials to your customers.

Richard Wilding
Head of Cyber Services



With over 30 years' experience as an IT engineer specialising in security and information assurance at both government and blue chip companies, Richard has amassed a huge amount of technical knowledge. He is a licensed assessor for the Government's Cyber Essentials scheme and IASME standard. He is also a certified general data regulation practitioner.

For more details on how we can help you reduce the chances of your business being affected by cyber crime, please get in touch with Richard at: cyber@pkf-francisclark.co.uk

“We have been a longstanding client of PKF Francis Clark and are grateful to them for introducing us to the Cyber Essentials Accreditation Scheme.

On passing, we were able to tender for a contract which required us to have the accreditation, and won new business for the company. We would recommend their Cyber Security services to all SMEs.”

Nick Robbins
Finance Director
Graytone Ltd