

SIMPLE STEPS FOR SECURE REMOTE WORKING

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APPLICATION ACCESS

This is probably the most critical aspect to consider when enabling a remote workforce. Your applications and the data that they hold are mission critical to the organisation.

At Distology, we use Okta for our IAM & SSO needs, they do also provide MFA via the Okta Verify mobile app but we also provision our staff with Yubico YubiKeys as an additional factor.



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APPLICATION UPDATES

New vulnerabilities are found in applications all the time and if left unchecked, these could lead to breaches.

Mobile Device management tools like Airwatch and Jamf support devices such as laptops, MacBooks and Smartphones so you can enforce the update of your applications across your remote workforce.



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DEVICE SECURITY

Ensure Anti-malware protection is installed and operational on all devices being used to access company data as a minimum and also look at full disk encryption in case the devices get lost.

Apple provides FileVault and Microsoft have Bitlocker natively for encryption on their devices should you need to implement this quickly and there are a range of Anti-Malware solutions on the market to choose from.



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WATCH FOR PHISHING SCAMS

Make sure your staff (and loved ones - my mum is bad for this) know how to spot a dodgy email. This can be covered in remote Phishing Awareness Training Workshops with your team. Times like this can be financial strenuous enough without a phishing scam thrown into the mix!

Remote working has been thrust upon a lot of businesses so we will definitely see hackers, crackers etc. trying to exploit this vulnerable time and attempt to get some easy wins. If in doubt, don't respond to the email or open the attachments and speak to the relevant people.



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STAY CONNECTED!

Remote working for extended periods of time can make people feel isolated. (Even when social distancing and lockdowns aren't in place!)

Maintaining a sense of community within the business and also for everyone's mental wellbeing was a top priority for Distology as the team started WFH. Collaboration tools such as Workplace and video conferencing services can help you to stay connected & have fun at the same time.

