

Here are ten essential questions business owners should ask their IT department about their security posture:

1. Are you able to tell me about all of the communications occurring on our network right now?
2. How would we know if a rogue device was connected to our networks? Or attached to our wireless network?
3. How would we know if someone on our network sent out a sensitive list of our customers to a competitor?
4. What are the nature and types of cyber-attacks we are currently experiencing? How well are we catching/preventing them? How would we know if something got through our firewalls?
5. How do we protect sensitive information handled, stored, transmitted or accessed by third-party vendors?
6. If you suspected an intrusion in our network, how would the process work to remediate and who would make the decisions on what we should do?
7. If an attack resulted in an outage, how long would it take to be fully functional with the affected systems?
8. How do we stay current on the cyber risks we face in our industry and the marketplace?
9. Do we have cyber insurance to cover us if something was to happen? What would it cover? What would it not cover?
10. How do we know that the money we are spending is being used most effectively to secure the organization?

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