



FREE FREELANCER CYBERSECURITY STARTER KIT (2026)

PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS. SECURE
YOUR CLIENTS. BUILD TRUST.

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Welcome

You're Responsible for More Than Just Your Work

As a freelancer or small business owner, your clients trust you with sensitive information every day. A weak password, unsafe Wi-Fi connection, or insecure messaging app can put that trust—and your business—at risk.

This starter kit gives you practical cybersecurity checklists you can complete in just a few minutes.

Inside You'll Learn

- ✓ Secure your passwords
- ✓ Protect client files
- ✓ Stay safe on public Wi-Fi
- ✓ Use AI without exposing data
- ✓ Choose secure messaging apps
- ✓ Improve browser privacy
- ✓ Build better security habits

Password Security Checklist

Strong passwords protect your entire business.

- ☐ Every account has a unique password.
- ☐ Passwords are at least 16 characters long.
- ☐ Password Manager installed.
- ☐ Multi-Factor Authentication enabled.
- ☐ Recovery email updated.
- ☐ Recovery phone verified.
- ☐ Old accounts removed.
- ☐ Browser passwords reviewed.

Pro Tip

Never reuse the same password across client accounts.

Device Security Checklist

Protect every laptop and mobile device.

☐ Automatic updates enabled

☐ Antivirus installed

☐ Device encryption enabled

☐ Screen lock enabled

☐ Find My Device turned on

☐ Weekly backup scheduled

☐ Unused apps removed

☐ Firewall enabled

Pro Tip

Most cyberattacks target outdated software.

Secure File Sharing Checklist

Before sharing client files

- ☐ Use encrypted cloud storage
- ☐ Share only with intended recipients
- ☐ Password protect confidential documents
- ☐ Set expiration dates for shared links
- ☐ Disable public sharing
- ☐ Verify recipient email addresses
- ☐ Remove access after project completion

Avoid

✗ Sending confidential documents through unsecured links.

Public Wi-Fi Safety Checklist

Never connect without checking these:

- ☐ VPN connected
- ☐ File sharing OFF
- ☐ Bluetooth OFF
- ☐ Auto Join Wi-Fi OFF
- ☐ HTTPS websites only
- ☐ Banking avoided on public Wi-Fi
- ☐ Forget network after leaving

Remember

Coffee shops and airports are common places where attackers target unsecured connections.

AI Safety Checklist

Before using ChatGPT or other AI tools

Never paste:

✗ Passwords

✗ API Keys

✗ Client contracts

✗ Financial information

✗ Medical records

Instead:

✓ Remove names

✓ Remove email addresses

✓ Remove account numbers

✓ Review AI responses before sharing

Secure Messaging

Choose Encrypted Apps

✓ Signal

✓ WhatsApp

Avoid sharing confidential client information through SMS whenever possible.

Always verify contacts before sending sensitive documents.

Emergency Security Checklist

If you think you've been hacked:

☐ Disconnect from Wi-Fi

☐ Change passwords

☐ Enable MFA

☐ Scan device

☐ Review login history

☐ Remove suspicious devices

☐ Notify affected clients

☐ Restore from backup

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Resources

Continue learning with these free guides.

- ✓ **Freelancer Cybersecurity Guide**
- ✓ **Secure File Sharing Guide**
- ✓ **DNS Hijacking Prevention Guide**
- ✓ **Router Hacking Signs**
- ✓ **Public Wi-Fi Safety Guide**
- ✓ **Best VPN for Freelancers**
- ✓ **AI Chatbot Security Guide**
- ✓ **Browser Privacy Guide**

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Bonus

Cybersecurity Quick Wins

Complete these today:

- ☐ Turn on MFA
- ☐ Update your browser
- ☐ Check password manager
- ☐ Backup your files
- ☐ Remove one unused browser extension
- ☐ Review Google account security
- ☐ Update your router password
- ☐ Install pending updates



Congratulations! You've completed your first cybersecurity audit.