2023 update

Government urges organisations to continue to boost their online resilience

Cyber security breaches and attacks remain a common threat, but smaller organisations are identifying them less than last year. This may be down to the impact of the economic climate rather than a reducing threat.

One in three businesses (32 per cent) report having cyber security breaches or attacks in the last 12 months, according to the survey from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

The Cyber Security Breaches Survey 2023 report shows the cyber risk to organisations over the last year. The breaches or attacks were relatively unsophisticated so having appropriate cyber measures in place will help businesses. The most common breaches or attacks remain phishing emails, instances organisations being impersonated online, viruses or other malware including ransomware.

Cyber Security guidance

The government continues to encourage businesses, charities and educational institutions to follow the free help and guidance from the UK cyber security experts at the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). It includes advice on the secure use of video conferencing, secure home working and protecting your business.