

SMB Device Security Starter Checklist

Apple, Microsoft, endpoint protection, and network basics for growing businesses



For Australian SMBs and trades building a reliable device and security foundation. Tick what you already have — gaps become a clear project or managed service conversation.

1. Roles & device mix

- Every role has a defined device type (MacBook Neo for standard seats, Air/Pro for power users, iPad for field).
- Company-owned vs BYOD rules are written and understood.
- New-hire device provisioning has a repeatable process.
- Lost, stolen, and offboarding steps are documented.

2. Apple Business Manager & management

- Apple Business Manager is set up for the organisation.
- Automated Device Enrolment is used for company Macs and iPads.
- MDM is in place (Jamf Now for simple fleets, Jamf Pro as you grow).
- Apps and security policies are managed centrally — not by personal Apple IDs alone.

3. Identity & Microsoft 365

- Staff use corporate identity (Microsoft 365 / Entra ID) for work apps.
- MFA is enforced for email and admin access.
- Shared mailboxes and external sharing rules are controlled.
- Windows devices (if any) are managed alongside Apple — not as a separate mess.

4. Endpoint protection & response (Sophos)

- Next-gen endpoint protection is installed on work devices.
- You have a plan for after-hours threats (e.g. Sophos MDR).
- Alerts have an owner — not an ignored inbox.
- Security tools are managed from one console where possible (Sophos Central).

5. Network & access (UniFi)

- Office Wi-Fi is designed for staff density and guest separation.
- Critical gear is on reliable switching and power where needed.
- VPN or secure remote access is defined for hybrid work.
- Multi-site / trades locations have a consistent network approach.

6. Insurance & compliance readiness

- You know what your cyber insurer asks for (MFA, backups, endpoint, logging).
- Backups of critical data are tested, not only configured.
- Admin accounts are limited and reviewed.
- A short incident contact list exists (who to call first).

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7. Operate or hand over

- Someone owns day-to-day device and security operations.
- You have either internal capacity or a managed partner for MDR and devices.
- Documentation exists so growth does not depend on one person's memory.

Next step

Bring this checklist to a discovery call. New Gauge Digital delivers Apple setup, Jamf, Sophos Central, UniFi, and managed device security for growing Australian businesses — quote-based, no public price list.

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