

RIA Cybersecurity Readiness Checklist

Could your firm detect, respond to, and recover from a cyber incident?

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1 Written Incident-Response Plan
Current written plan for detecting, containing, responding and recovering; roles, decision-makers, escalation and communication responsibilities identified. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 Customer and Regulatory Notification
Documented process for determining notification obligations after an incident; clear ownership for notification decisions and approvals. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 Vendor and Service-Provider Oversight
Inventory of vendors accessing sensitive information maintained; vendor cybersecurity practices evaluated with expectations for prompt incident reporting. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 Identity and Access Management
MFA required for email, remote access, admin accounts and sensitive systems; access based on role and removed promptly on departure. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 Endpoint Protection and Monitoring
Computers and servers protected with managed EDR; security alerts actively reviewed, investigated and resolved. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6 Centralized Logging and Threat Detection
Security activity collected from endpoints, identity systems, email, firewalls and critical systems; someone reviews alerts and responds to suspicious activity. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7 Email Security and Employee Awareness
Practical cybersecurity and phishing-awareness training throughout the year; procedures for verifying payment requests and unusual email instructions. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8 Backup and Recovery
Critical systems backed up regularly using secure, protected backups; periodic testing confirms systems can be restored after an outage or attack. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9 Vulnerability and Patch Management
Accurate inventory of devices, systems and software; security updates and critical patches installed within defined timeframes and tracked. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10 Documentation and Testing
Evidence retained for training, vendor reviews, monitoring, incident-response testing and corrective actions; program reviewed and tested regularly. | ☐ | ☐ |



This checklist is a preliminary self-assessment and is not a certification of cybersecurity or regulatory compliance.



How Did Your Firm Score?

Give your firm one point for each numbered area where you can confidently check both statements.



8–10: Strong foundation
Your firm is well-prepared to detect, respond to, and recover from cyber incidents.



5–7: Important gaps may remain
Your firm has key elements in place, but improvements are needed.



0–4: Immediate attention recommended
Your firm is at higher risk. Take action to address critical gaps.

Turn Your Checklist Into an Action Plan

Schedule an RIA Cybersecurity Readiness Conversation



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