

7 TIPS TO MAXIMIZING YOUR CYBER INSURANCE

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Understand Your Risk Profile

- **Conduct a thorough risk assessment:** Identify the specific cyber risks your business faces, including data breaches, ransomware attacks, and business interruption. This will help tailor your coverage to your unique needs.
- **Categorize your data and assets:** Determine which assets are most critical to your operations and ensure they are prioritized in your coverage.



Customize Your Coverage

- **Review policy limits and sub-limits:** Ensure that the limits are sufficient to cover potential losses. Pay attention to sub-limits that might cap payouts for specific incidents like ransomware.
- **Include relevant coverages:** Make sure your policy covers a broad range of risks, such as data breaches, third-party liability, regulatory fines, legal costs, and reputational damage.
- **Consider business interruption insurance:** Cyberattacks can disrupt your business operations, so it's important to have coverage that compensates for lost income during downtime.



Focus on Exclusions & Deductibles

- **Review policy exclusions:** Understand what is not covered, such as pre-existing vulnerabilities or certain types of cyber incidents, and negotiate to minimize these exclusions where possible.
- **Consider your deductible:** Balance your deductible with premium costs to ensure it's manageable if you need to file a claim.



Work with a Specialized Broker

- **Partner with a cyber insurance specialist:** A broker with expertise in cyber insurance can help you navigate the complexities of coverage options and find the best policy for your business.
- **Ask for multiple quotes:** Comparing different policies and providers can help you find the best coverage at a competitive price.

Want to understand your current risk profile?



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Implement Strong Cybersecurity Practices

- **Adopt a comprehensive cybersecurity program:** Insurers may offer better terms or discounts if you have strong cybersecurity measures in place, such as multi-factor authentication, regular patching, and employee training.
- **Regularly update and patch systems:** Keeping your software up-to-date can reduce vulnerabilities, potentially lowering your risk profile in the eyes of insurers.
- **Prepare an incident response plan:** Having a plan in place can mitigate the impact of an attack and show insurers you are proactive about risk management.



Review & Update Your Policy Regularly

- **Annual policy review:** Your business and cyber risks evolve over time, so ensure your policy is updated annually to reflect any changes.
- **Update coverage after major changes:** If you've made significant changes to your business operations, IT infrastructure, or acquired new assets, make sure your policy reflects these updates.



Leverage Policy Enhancements

- **Consider additional endorsements:** Some insurers offer endorsements that can enhance your coverage, such as social engineering fraud coverage or contingent business interruption coverage.
- **Explore industry-specific policies:** Depending on your industry, specialized policies may be available that offer more tailored coverage options.

Understanding your risk profile is the first step before engaging in a new policy or renewal meeting for a reason. Let's get started on your current-state actuarial-based risk profile and make you the cyber hero in your organization.

