Cyber Byte

Check your cyber security.

The NCSC has provided a free government service to help UK organisations check for cyber vulnerabilities.

There are many vulnerabilities online which cyber criminals will use, in an attempt to scam us, one of these are the use of old domain names.

Email addresses are made up of a combination of a **username** at the beginning of your email address and the **domain** name at the end of the email address i.e. **username**@**emailaddress**(domainname).com.

Your current domain name and even those you no longer use are valuable targets for online criminals who can send fake emails in an attempt to impersonate you and or your business. These can be used as scam emails and spread malware and viruses through an IT network causing reputational and financial damage.

This free service from the NCSC will help identify vulnerabilities around domain name cyber security such as;

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Email anti-spoofing: Preventing cyber criminals sending emails pretending to be you (known as spoofing)

Email privacy: Making it harder for cyber criminals to intercept and read your email in transit – in other words, when your emails are being sent.

To make use of this free service, you do not need to install any software or provide any personal information. All you need to do is type in your domain and the service will identify any vulnerability using publicly available information about your domain and email systems.

Please visit Check your email security - NCSC.GOV.UK for more guidance.
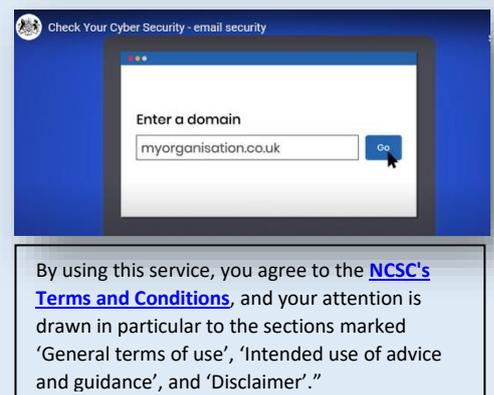
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