

BEC CHECKLIST

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Business Email Compromise (BEC) is when an attacker pretends to be someone they aren't on email, typically senior management, to achieve their own ends. BEC costs organisations globally a staggering amount of money, but there are some simple steps you can take to put a stop to it.

TEN TOP TIPS

TO STOP BUSINESS EMAIL COMPROMISE FROM IMPACTING YOUR BUSINESS

- 1** Watch out for plain text emails appearing to come from the CEO / CFO or other senior management
- 2** Check the 'Reply to' address carefully - look for the use of nearby or cousin domains
- 3** CEO Fraud emails will be thoroughly researched and often target specific members of the finance team who may need additional security or education
- 4** Implement a process for handling email requests to pay suppliers and make urgent bank transfers which involves contacting the originator directly to confirm any request
- 5** If a request or invoice can't be matched to a purchase order it should be investigated
- 6** Consider manual approval(s) for payments above a certain threshold
- 7** Repeatedly train all staff, not just the finance team, using examples of the latest phishing scams
- 8** Consider purchasing nearby domains (e.g. censornet.co, censOrnet.com) to prevent their use in attacks
- 9** Protect user accounts such as Outlook Web Access with adaptive multi-factor authentication
- 10** Use a modern multi-layered email security solution that includes features to identify and quarantine/drop fraudulent emails, integrated domain name checking and executive tracking that identifies real names in multiple address fields.

MORE TIPS & TOOLS

For more practical, actionable insights and guidance on securing your organisation from threats such as Business Email Compromise, particularly when using Microsoft 365...

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