

TUESDAY'S LIVE TOP TIP



OUR WEEKLY DOSE OF SMART BUSINESS AND FINANCE TOP TIPS



Review Emergency Access to Critical Systems

Why?

Avoid Single Points of Failure

- Ensure critical systems do not depend on one individual.
- Identify who can obtain emergency access when key staff are unavailable.

Protect the Control

- Keep emergency credentials secure.
- Record and review any use of emergency access.

Useful Resources

- NCSC – Privileged Access
- DfE – Cyber Security Standards

Benefit

Critical finance, HR, safeguarding or IT systems can become inaccessible if the only person with the necessary permissions is unexpectedly absent or unavailable during an emergency.

Having controlled emergency-access arrangements supports business continuity without giving unnecessary everyday privileges to additional staff. The arrangements should be documented, secure and tested periodically so leaders know they will work when required. Any use should also be recorded and reviewed to maintain appropriate oversight of privileged access.



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