10 Top Tips against Cyber Attack

1. Make sure your passwords are secure – do not use generic or easy to guess passwords. You should use a mixture of lowercase and uppercase letters and include numbers.

2. Have up to date and legitimate antivirus software with firewalls.

3. Make sure you have (at least!) the minimum cyber security certification, and have a physical copy of the certificate, not just an invoice.

4. You should back up your data to an external source such as the cloud, EVERY DAY.

5. Ensure your staff have the knowledge, so they can be aware of what to look out for and know they can ask if they are not sure – provide training if necessary.

6. Have your systems scanned and any issues identified and fixed, and maintain high standards by having regular PEN tests/vulnerability scans/etc.

7. Manage your digital footprint – only put out there the information that is necessary, do not give the 'bad guys' any extra ammunition.

8. If attacked call Action Fraud and report the issue, it will then be investigated by the police who aim to Prevent-Protect-Pursue.

9. Have a Business Continuity Plan in place should a cyber-attack ever occur, do not wait for this to happen to decide what to do.

10. Take out cyber insurance.