



MVB 2025 BLOG #4: Cybersecurity Month

Small Business Cybersecurity Toolkit

Building Cyber Resilience, One Step at a Time.

Small businesses often think cybersecurity is only a “big company problem.” But nearly 43% of cyberattacks target small businesses (Verizon). Why? Because attackers know smaller teams often lack resources and defenses.

Cybersecurity doesn’t have to be overwhelming. Here’s a simple toolkit to get started:

1. Train Your Team

Most breaches start with a human mistake. Teach employees how to spot phishing and verify unusual requests.

2. Strengthen Authentication

Require strong passwords and MFA for all business systems. Provide a password manager to reduce reuse.

3. Keep Systems Updated

Schedule regular updates for software, operating systems, and mobile devices. Automate when possible.

4. Back Up Data

Maintain secure backups – both cloud-based and offline – to recover quickly from ransomware.

5. Build an Incident Response Plan

Know who to call, what steps to take, and how to communicate if something goes wrong. Even a one-page plan is better than none.

6. Partner with Trusted Experts

Banks, IT consultants, and cybersecurity firms can provide tools, resources, and monitoring that small businesses can’t always manage alone.

Case in Point:

In 2023, a small retail shop in California was hit with ransomware. Because they had secure backups and an incident response plan, they recovered in 48 hours – while competitors in similar situations were shut down for weeks.

Your Next Step:

Download our Cybersecurity Toolkit Checklist to put these protections in place today. At Mission Valley Bank, we help small businesses protect what they've worked hard to build – because strong security means stronger communities.