

Set Up A Secure Home Office In A Weekend — Checklist

Corporate attack surface. Segment the network, harden the laptop, separate accounts, lock the screen. Weekend project;

Date completed: _____

Re-run this quarterly. Each pass takes about 12 minutes.

Beginner — do these in order

- 1. Saturday AM: router update, hardening, network segmentation
- 2. Saturday PM: laptop hardening — encryption, auto-lock, EDR verify
- 3. Sunday AM: account separation — browser profiles, MFA, password manager
- 4. Sunday PM: physical — desk privacy, lock habit, video-call hygiene
- 5. Quarterly: re-run this checklist; catch drift early
- 6. If incident suspected: tell your security team immediately
Speed matters.
- 7. Treat the work laptop as someone else's property — because it is
- 8. Keep this card by the desk for quarterly checks

Advanced — if you want to go further

- Use a hardware key (YubiKey) for SSO
- Run pfSense or OPNsense for the router
- DNS filtering at the router (NextDNS, Pi-hole)
- Encrypted DNS (DoH / DoT)
- Separate work-only device for high-risk roles
- Quarterly security audit