

SMALL BUSINESS BDR



RECOMMENDATIONS

| Step | Description | Benefit |
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| Local Backups | Regular backups to a secure, on-premises device like an external hard drive or NAS for fast access to recent data. | Provides fast recovery in case of minor incidents. |
| Cloud Backups | Use a reputable cloud backup service for offsite storage to protect against physical disasters. Look for automated, incremental backups with strong encryption. | Protects against physical disasters, ensuring long-term data safety. |
| Automated Scheduling | Set up automated daily or weekly backups to ensure no critical data is missed, minimizing user error and maintaining consistency. | Reduces human error and maintains consistent backup schedules. |
| Retention Policies | Implement a data retention policy, like daily backups for the last week, weekly for the last month, and monthly for the last year to manage costs and retain essential data. | Balances storage costs with essential data retention for regulatory or business needs. |
| Testing and Validation | Regularly test and validate backups to ensure data can be successfully restored when needed. | Ensures backups are reliable and can be restored when required. |
| Managed Backup Services | Consider a managed service provider for proactive monitoring, maintenance, and support of your backup solution, ensuring timely updates and 24/7 assistance. | Offers proactive support, reducing downtime in emergencies and ensuring system reliability. |

