

8 questions for the cyber item on your safety committee agenda

No new meeting. Nothing to buy. These eight questions use the discipline you already practise — only the type of hazard changes.

- 1 List the systems you will have to lean on during an incident**
Ask the team: what are they, who owns each one, and when was it last updated?
 - 2 Add one question to the hazard identification form you already use**
Ask the team: which steps depend on a computer system, and can that step continue if the system is down?
 - 3 Training program = level 4 · relying on each person = level 5 (PPE)**
Ask the team: can we fix this in the system itself, or can we only tell people to be careful?
 - 4 Cyber near-misses only surface if reporting them carries no penalty**
Ask the team: if someone clicks a suspicious link and tells us within five minutes, what happens to them?
 - 5 Connected things with no owner — cameras, key-card doors, fingerprint readers, UPS**
Ask the team: are they on IT's register, on ours, or on nobody's?
 - 6 Start with a 30-minute tabletop, then test a real recovery**
Ask the team: if systems are down tomorrow morning, who calls whom first, and where is that number kept?
 - 7 Investigate cyber incidents on the same form — find the cause, not the culprit**
Ask the team: the last time a system failed, where did we record it, and who read it?
 - 8 Take one item to the meeting, not all eight at once**
Ask the team: which one do we put on next month's agenda?
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A question you cannot answer does not mean you are behind — **it means nobody has asked it in that room yet. Start with that one, and only that one.**