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BSI IT baseline protection for SMEs

Use the principles of structured protection without turning a small organisation into a paperwork project.

Personally accountable · clearly documented · vendor-transparent

From concern to an owned action plan

This guide is designed for small and medium-sized organisations that need practical decisions rather than generic fear or a product-first answer.

How to use it

Work through the actions with the people who own the affected business processes. Mark what is already evidenced, assign an owner to every gap and agree a realistic review date.

Decision principles

01	Start from business impact and responsibility.
02	Prefer written evidence over assumed status.
03	Keep alternatives and exit paths visible.
04	Test recovery and operating processes, not only settings.

Important

This publication provides technical orientation. It is not legal advice, a certification or a guarantee of security. Current law, contracts, manufacturer documentation and the organisation's specific risk context remain authoritative.

Practical action checklist

Use the right-hand side of a printed copy for owner, evidence and due date.

01	Define the information scope and the processes that matter most.
02	Create a manageable structure of systems, rooms, networks and suppliers.
03	Identify normal protection needs before discussing exceptional risks.
04	Select measures that are proportionate and assign owners.
05	Link technical settings to operating procedures and evidence.
06	Track gaps in one prioritised improvement plan.
07	Review the baseline when services, suppliers or risks change.
08	Use specialist or legal advice where formal conformity is required.

A sensible next step

BR-Systems can help establish the baseline, prioritise the gaps and implement or operate the agreed measures. A short initial consultation is enough to determine whether that would be useful.

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