Data Breach Prevention: Simple steps that stop leaks before they start

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Why it matters

Breaches drain money, trust, and time. Strong basics turn scary "what ifs" into non-events: a phish gets ignored, a stolen password is useless, a lost laptop holds only encrypted gibberish.

The short, smart checklist

- MFA everywhere: make stolen passwords worthless with an authenticator app or security key.
- Strong, unique passwords: use a password manager; no reusing.
- Patch fast: keep systems, browsers, VPNs, and apps updated-especially internet-facing ones.
- Encrypt it: turn on disk encryption for laptops/phones; use HTTPS/TLS for data in transit.
- Least privilege: give people only the access they truly need; review it regularly.
- Backups that work: keep offline/immutable copies and practice a restore.
- Phishing awareness: verify money or account changes out of band (call, not email).
- Watch for leaks: enable sign-in alerts; monitor for unusual logins, forwarding rules, and large data transfers.
- Vendor hygiene: choose partners with security basics (MFA, encryption, audits); limit what they can access.

If something looks wrong

- Contain: change passwords, kill suspicious sessions, and isolate affected devices.
- Preserve evidence: keep logs and emails; don’t wipe before you know what happened.
- Notify the right people: IT/security, managers, and (if required) customers and regulators.
- Fix and learn: patch the gap, rotate keys, and update your checklist/runbooks.