

THE HUMAN FIREWALL:

Why Your Employees Are Your Greatest Security Risk and Your Strongest Defense

Cybercriminals increasingly target people instead of technology, using phishing emails, fraudulent payment requests, QR-code scams, and fake login pages to create urgency and pressure employees into making mistakes. While security tools like MFA are important, one of the strongest defenses a business can have is an informed workforce that knows how to recognize and respond to suspicious requests. Employees who learn to spot common warning signs become a powerful human firewall for the organization.



The Human Firewall: Signs of Social Engineering



Watch for These Warning Signs:

1 Unusual urgency



2 Requests to bypass normal procedures



3 Unexpected links or attachments



4 Requests for passwords or MFA codes



5 Pressure to keep a request confidential



6 Emails that seem slightly "off"



If a message creates pressure, pause before you proceed.