

MANAGING CYBERTHREATS IN THE DENTAL OFFICE

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WHAT IS A CYBERTHREAT?

A cyberthreat is a malicious attempt to damage or disrupt a computer network or system.



CYBERTHREATS IN THE DENTAL OFFICE

If a dental office uses a medical records system that is connected to the internet, then it is vulnerable to cyberthreats. The most common attacks come through an email or a link to a website.

COMMON CYBERTHREATS



RANSOMWARE

Malicious software designed to block access to a computer until a ransom is paid



FORM JACKING

Malicious software that takes over an online form, such as a patient login or registration



DATA THEFT

A breach of a computer system to steal personal and professional data



SCAMS

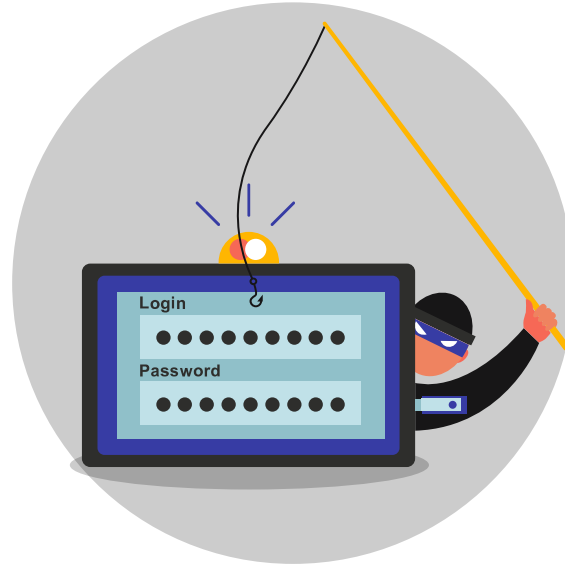
Phishing scams, fake emails, fake invoices etc.

PROTECTING YOUR PRACTICE FROM CYBERTHREATS



EDUCATE STAFF

Make staff aware of common cyberthreats such as ransomware, data theft and email scams.



ACT FAST

If you or your staff open a suspicious document or email, shut down the machine and call IT. Early intervention is often enough to control the breach.



HARDEN YOUR NETWORK

Hire a **Managed Service Provider** to run a security audit of your network. Preferably someone with experience working with dental practices.