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Six habits that protect your mission.

1

Turn on multifactor authentication

Start with whoever signs the checks — then email, banking, your CRM and your payment processor. Use an app, not text messages.

2

Stop sharing passwords

Everyone gets their own login, and no two are the same. If a password truly has to be shared, put it in a password manager — never in email, chat, or on a sticky note.

3

Slow down on urgent email

Four tells: urgency, an attachment you were not expecting, a sender that is wrong but close, and a request that skips a normal step. Report it — do not just delete it.

4

Verify every payment change by phone

Never change where money goes on the strength of an email. Call back on the number you already have, and require a second person to approve it in writing.

5

Close accounts the day someone leaves

Access outlives the relationship. Keep a short offboarding checklist and review who still has keys to what once a quarter.

6

Let the updates install

Unpatched software is still the most common way in. Turn on automatic updates, and book one hour a month for whatever cannot update itself.