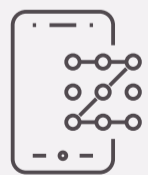# Cyber Security: Be prepared!

Cyber attacks are on the rise – and the tertiary sector is an attractive target. Each of these four steps makes a cyber attack against you less likely to succeed. They won't make you invulnerable, but they'll improve your cyber security right now.

Be aware and plan ahead

- Make sure everyone who uses your systems knows how important cyber security is.
- Have one person responsible for cyber security.
- Prepare a response to cyber attacks.

Make passwords safe

- Make passwords long and strong, and change them regularly.
- Use different passwords for different applications.
- Encourage people to use password managers – and give them guidance on how.

Update software and systems often

- Software and system updates contain important security fixes.
- Install software updates as soon as they're available.
- Update your systems at least monthly.

Use multi-factor authentication

- Make sure all users have at least two ways to identify themselves when they log in.
- One login password to access your systems is not enough to keep out cyber attacks.

Find out more

TEC is committed to making the tertiary education sector more cyber secure. For guidance and support, visit our **Cyber Security for the Tertiary Sector** project: www.tec.govt.nz