Australian Signals Directorate issues cyber security warning for remote working in response to COVID-19

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Abstract: The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has issued a warning for organisations to adopt proactive cyber security measures amidst the haste to transition staff to work from home arrangements, in response to COVID-19.

It notes that hackers, scammers and other adversaries may look to take advantage of changing conditions. Businesses are encouraged to act ahead of time to reduce the risk of cyber threats. Key recommendations include:

- reviewing business continuity plans and procedure;
- ensuring systems, including virtual private networks and firewalls, are up to date with the most recent security patches;
- ensuring work devices, such as laptops and mobile phones, are secure;
- implementing multi-factor remote access systems and resources (including cloud services);
- ensuring staff are informed and educated in cyber security practices, such as detecting socially engineered messages; and
- ensuring staff working from home have physical security measures in place.