

Cyber Insurance Requirements

for Multi Factor Authentication (MFA)

What is MFA and How Do You Measure Successful Deployment?

Multi-factor Authentication or "MFA" refers to the use of two or more means of identification and access control using the following identification categories.

- **"Something you know"** - (username, password, etc.)
- **"Something you have"** - (verification codes sent via SMS or email, etc.)
- **"Something you are"** - (biometric authentication: fingerprint or retina scan, etc.)

MFA is successfully embedded when at least **two** of these categories are required to verify a user's identity when they attempt to access systems.

*Source: [NIST](#)

Where Should You Deploy MFA and Why?

Remote Network Access

Requiring MFA for remote network access can help **reduce the potential for network compromise** caused by lost or stolen passwords

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Administrative Access

Requiring MFA for admin remotely and internally helps **prevent intruders that have compromised an internal system from obtaining broader access**

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Remote Access to Email

Requiring MFA for remote access to email can help **limit the potential for compromise to corporate email accounts** caused by lost or stolen passwords.

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MFA Checklist

To qualify for certain cyber policies, MFA is required for:

- All employees when accessing email through a website or cloud-based services
- All Remote Access to the network provided to employees, contractors, and 3rd party service providers
- All Internal & Remote Admin access to:
 - Network Backup Environments
 - Network Infrastructure (firewalls, routers, switches, etc.)
 - Directory Services (active directory, LDAP, etc.)
 - The Organization's Servers/Endpoints



Pro Tip:

These are the minimum requirements for many lenders. But don't stop there! Please deploy MFA where it makes sense in your environment.

Need Help Checking these Boxes?

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