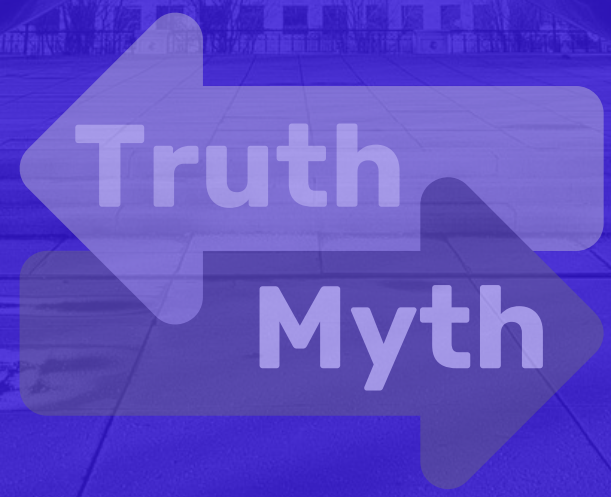
9 cybersecurity myths Chicago SMBs still believe

and what's really true



Myth 1

“Hackers only chase big brands.”

Truth:

Smaller orgs are easier to break into.

And often have more to lose when work stops.

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Myth 2

“We bought security software, so we’re covered.”

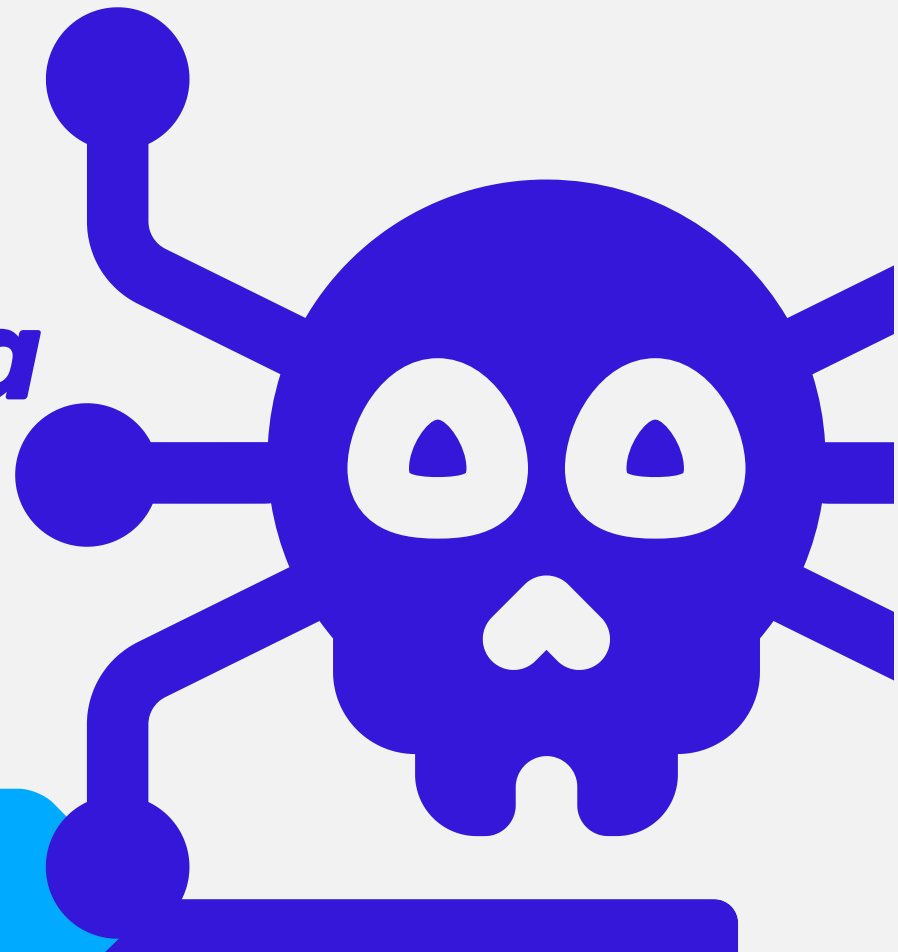
Truth:

Tools are just one layer.

Today’s attacks demand a multi-layered approach.

Myth 3

"We'd notice a breach right away."



Truth:

Many intrusions sit quietly for weeks.

Attackers rarely wave a flag.

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Myth 4

“Our team can spot every phish.”

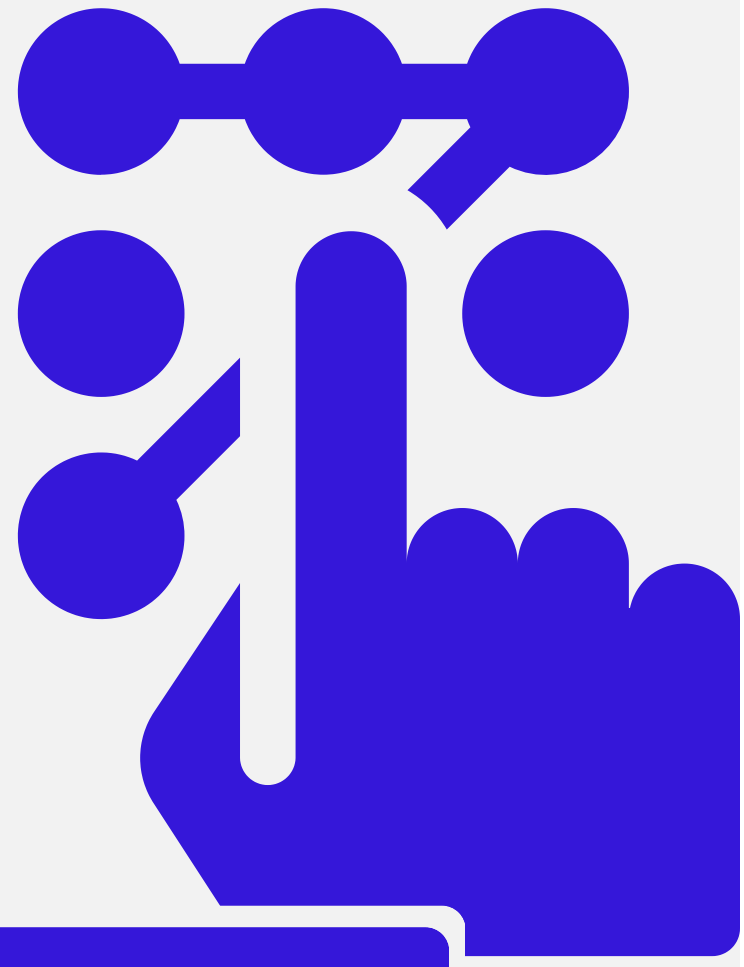
Truth:

Phishing is polished.

Even savvy users get fooled.

Myth 5

“Strong passwords are enough.”



Truth:

Without multi-factor authentication (MFA), one stolen password ***is a master key.***

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Myth 6

“We back up, so we’re safe.”

Truth:

Backups fail—or get encrypted too.

Test them and store them safely.

Myth 7

“Security is IT’s problem.”

Truth:

People are the front line..

Everyone needs the basics.

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Myth 8

“We don’t have anything worth stealing.”

Truth:

Customer records, bank details, emails, logins

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hackers call that treasure.

Myth 9

"Security slows us down."

Truth:

Modern controls are fast.

A few seconds now beats weeks of downtime later.

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