WEBSITE SECURITY

A helpful checklist

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SSL

☑ **Does your website have an SSL?**

An SSL certificate protects sensitive information when it's delivered between your website and the user. Verifying whether you have an SSL certificate is super easy. When accessing your website on a browser, simply review the address bar positioned at the top and locate the "lock" symbol. You can also examine the website address to ensure it begins with https://. To instantly find out whether you own an SSL certificate or not, simply run an SSL inspection by using this **SSL Shopper Tool**.

Login System

☑ **Do you have a secure login system for locations with sensitive information?**

If you reveal sensitive information on your website, you should ideally protect it by producing a login system to ensure unauthorised visitors cannot reach the sensitive information. It's also essential to ensure your login system is secure by using an accredited system. An exceptional method of adding further protection is by including a Google reCaptcha to ensure each visitor is genuine.

Passwords

☑ **Are your passwords strong and are they securely stored?**

As a website owner, you should ensure all passwords are strong and secured in a safe location. This comprises of the login details to your hosting control panel, FTP details, WordPress details and much more. You can ensure your passwords are strong by including a combination of irregular capital letters, numbers and special characters.

Hosting

☑ **Is your website hosting secure?**

The security of your website hosting is especially important to safeguard your website. Although it may be tempting to choose a budget-friendly hosting provider, by doing so you could be putting your website in jeopardy. Ensure you choose a hosting provider that uses the latest software. At Success Local, we own fast and secure hosting servers to ensure our customers receive the very best in hosting services.

Security Plugin

☑ **Have you installed a security plugin for WordPress?**

WordPress is an exceptional tool, but it's important to consider implementing as many security precautions as possible to prevent the risk of hackers exploiting flaws in your website. One of the most simplistic steps WordPress owners can employ is to install a WordPress security plugin to protect websites. Simply browse the **WordPress Plugins Directory** to discover the perfect security plugin for your website.

Updates

☑ **Do WordPress & installed plugins require updates?**

By default, WordPress performs background security updates to address potential security flaws. However, if you have a severely outdated version of WordPress, or your plugins have released an update, it's vital to ensure your WordPress website is updated to prevent attackers from exploiting flaws in WordPress and plugins.

Upload Restrictions

☑ **Have you restricted file types and size limits for file uploads?**

Incorporating a file uploads field onto your contact forms can be an exceptional method to enhance the user experience, however, it could leave you exposed to potential threats if it's not suitably secured. Be sure to specify which file types you allow and implement a file size limit to prevent abuse of the upload feature.

In need of more assistance?

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