Fractional CFO's Cyber Defense Checklist

Use this checklist as a reference point for your clients' cybersecurity governance standpoint.

Strong security policy enforcement will help build greater defenses against emerging threats.

- ☐ **Incident Response Plan:** Is there a clear, approved Incident Response Plan in place?

- ☐ **Budget Alignment:** Do cybersecurity investments demonstrate a clear ROI?

- ☐ **Third-Party Vendor Controls:** Are there strong vendor agreements in place? Have vendor and third-party risk assessments been completed?

- ☐ **Backup Strategy:** Is there a strong immutable backup solution in place? Is there a disaster recovery & business continuity plan?

- ☐ **Incident Response Guarantee:** Does the client's chosen MSP or MSSP partner guarantee fast response and 24/7 oversight?

- ☐ **Access Controls:** Is the zero-trust/least-privilege principle enforced across the organization to manage cyber risk exposure?

- ☐ **Compliance Alignment:** Is the client aware of all regulations for their industry and state? Do current security controls and processes align with these requirements?