

Firewall or Freefall?

A Business Owners Checklist for Smarter Network Protection

Is Your Network Protected Against Modern Threats?

- ☒ **Download the Firewall or Freefall Checklist**
- ☐ I have a current firewall in place that filters traffic
- ☐ My firewall includes real-time intrusion prevention (IPS)
- ☐ My current solution defends against zero-day threats and ransomware
- ☐ I understand that difference between a basic router and an advanced firewall

Did you know? SonicWall uses Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) and Real-Time Threat Intelligence to stop attacks before they hit your business? Explore more: [What DPI Means for Your Business](#)

Are You Managing Remote and Hybrid Users Securely?

- ☐ My firewall can handle remote and hybrid workers without slowing the network
- ☐ All remote workers use a VPN
- ☐ Remote employees are protected even when they're not in the office

Is Performance Slowing Your Team Down?

- ☐ My firewall doesn't impact cloud app speeds (e.g. Microsoft 365, Teams)
- ☐ I have bandwidth management and app visibility
- ☐ I know how much of my bandwidth is used by essentials vs. non-essential traffic

Is Your Business in a Regulated Industry?

- ☐ I don't handle sensitive data
- ☐ I know my firewall setup supports compliance

Ready to Fortify Your Firewall?

Let's talk - [book a free consultation here](#) with one of Apex's IT Advisors here. We'll match you with the right firewall, installed and managed for peace of mind.

Is Your Firewall Actively Managed and Monitored?

- ☐ I know who manages my firewall day-to-day
- ☐ I receive reports and alerts about threats and unusual activity
- ☐ My firmware and threat definitions are always up-to-date

An IT Support Partner like Apex ensures 24/7/365 monitoring, regular patching, and proactive support - no DIY or guesswork needed.

Is Your Current Firewall at End-of-Life (EOL)?

- ☐ I know the model and lifecycle status of my current firewall
- ☐ I'm aware of the risks of unsupported firewall hardware/software
- ☐ I've planned a refresh before EOL compromises security

Do You Have Advanced Features Like...

- ☐ Gateway Anti-Virus and Anti-Spyware?
- ☐ Sandboxing (e.g. SonicWall Capture ATP?)
- ☐ Content Filtering for employee web use?
- ☐ Advanced Threat Protection with AI and machine learning?

Next Steps With Your MSP

- ☐ I have scheduled a free firewall assessment
- ☐ I have requested a quote for a firewall solution that fits my business
- ☐ I have asked about managed firewall services, not just hardware

Summary Scorecard

Count your ticks:

- 6 - 8** Your firewall game is strong, but technology evolves - stay proactive!
- 3 - 5** You're halfway there. Let's plug the gaps before threats find them!
- 0 - 2** You're running a risk. Let's fix it fast - with no jargon or disruption!