

GLOSSARY OF COMMON ATTACKS

Data Breach

Lost/stolen devices or hard copy documents, unauthorised access or extraction of data from the network.



Denial of Service

Typically a flood of traffic taking down a website, can apply to phone lines, other web facing systems, and in some cases internal systems.



Insider

Malicious or accidental action by an employee causing a security incident.



Phishing

Emails attempting to convince someone to trust a link/attachment.



Malicious code

Malware infection on the network, including ransomware.



Targeted attack

An attack specifically targeted at the business – usually by a sophisticated attacker.



Unauthorised Access

Access to systems, accounts, data by an unauthorised person (internal or external) – for example access to someone's emails or account.

