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Cyber Code Readiness Checklist

A quick-reference tool for boards, compliance leads, and developers

These are the key areas covered by the UK's new Software Security & Cyber Governance Codes of Practice.
Use this checklist to spot your gaps and prepare to align.

Board-Level Governance
(Cyber Governance Code)

Does your organisation have...

☐ A recent **risk register** that identifies critical technology and processes, the cyber risks they face and realistic plans to address them.

☐ An effective **cyber strategy** that supports the business strategy and meets regulatory obligations while aligning with an agreed risk appetite.

☐ A **cyber security culture**, with awareness, policies and training across the organisation supported by a nominated board member

☐ An **incident response plan** tested within the last 12 months

☐ **Supplier risk management** policies with clear oversight

☐ Effective **cybersecurity governance**, with clear roles, regular dialogue and at the exec level, supported by relevant audits and reporting to the board.

Software Security Practices
(Software Security Code)

Can you confidently say yes to the following?

☐ Development follows an estabilshed **secure development framework**, led by a senior staff member.

☐ **Security testing** is built into every software release

☐ All **third-party components** are tracked and updated

☐ Developers receive regular **security training**

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- ☐ The **build environment is secured** and monitored for unauthorised activity.

- ☐ **Vulnerabilities are managed, detected** and resolved with timely notifications published to customers and relevant suppliers

- ☐ The **supported lifetime** of the software is clearly published and at least 1 years notice is provided before end of support.

- ☐ Software is **distributed securely.**

Cross-Team Ownership
(Software Security Code)

Are your teams working together on compliance?

- ☐ Tech, legal, and operations collaborate on cyber governance

- ☐ Cyber responsibilities are embedded in role descriptions

- ☐ You've assessed your readiness against the new Codes

- ☐ You're prepared to show evidence of alignment in audits or tenders

Tip: Even though these Codes are voluntary today, we're already seeing them show up in audits, RFPs, and regulatory queries. Don't wait until it's mandatory to act.

Want help with implementation?

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