

10 Essential 'Be Safe' Zero Trust Checklist

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Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) Everywhere

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Protect all accounts—especially privileged ones—with MFA.

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Centralize Identity Management

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Use a single IAM platform (Okta, Microsoft Entra ID, Ping) to unify access control.

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Adopt Least Privilege Access

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Give users the minimum access they need—nothing more, nothing longer than necessary.

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Implement Just-in-Time (JIT) Access for Admins

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Eliminate standing admin privileges; grant elevated access only when required.

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Verify Device Health Before Access

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Require encryption, EDR, and compliance checks on laptops, mobiles, and endpoints.

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Microsegment Networks & Applications

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Divide environments into zones to contain lateral movement and limit attack blast radius.

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Continuously Monitor & Log Activity

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Track logins, file access, and privilege escalations for anomalies and suspicious behavior.

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Protect Against Insider Threats

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Use adaptive authentication, session monitoring, and access certifications.

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Encrypt Data Everywhere

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Apply strong encryption for data in transit and at rest to assume breach resilience.

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Review & Evolve Policies Regularly

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Zero Trust isn't "set it and forget it"—continuously adapt controls to emerging threats.

 **Quick Tip:** Zero Trust works best when everyone understands it. Train your team regularly—awareness and culture are just as critical as technology.