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The Cyber Security and Resilience Bill: does it apply to you?

Six questions to check if you're in scope, and why it matters even if you're not.

Why this matters

For most businesses, the Bill won't arrive as a letter from a regulator. It'll arrive as a supplier questionnaire, a contract renewal or a tender requirement.

£1.9bn

Estimated cost of the 2025 JLR attack, felt by around 5,000 organisations, most of them in its supply chain.

Cyber Monitoring Centre

24 hrs

To make an initial incident report if you're in scope, with a full report within 72 hours.

Cyber Security and Resilience Bill

15%

Of UK businesses review the cyber risk posed by their immediate suppliers. Expect that to change.

Cyber Security Breaches Survey 2026

The scope check 6 QUESTIONS

1	**Do you provide an essential service already covered by the NIS Regulations?** Energy, transport, health, drinking water or digital infrastructure.	☐ Yes ☐ No
2	**Are you an online marketplace, online search engine or cloud computing provider?**	☐ Yes ☐ No
3	**Do you run a data centre above the size threshold?** The exact threshold is still to be confirmed.	☐ Yes ☐ No
4	**Do you manage IT systems for other organisations under contract, with access to their systems, and are you medium-sized or larger?** Roughly 50+ staff or €10m+ turnover. Groups and investors can count towards your size.	☐ Yes ☐ No
5	**Do you control smart energy appliances with a combined load of 300MW or more?**	☐ Yes ☐ No
6	**Do you supply any of the above with something so important that disruption could seriously affect the UK economy or daily life?** Regulators can designate you as a critical supplier.	☐ Yes ☐ No

Any "yes"?

You're likely to be directly in scope. Take advice on your obligations, review your incident response plan against a 24-hour clock, and start a gap assessment against the NCSC's Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) now.

All "no"?

You're probably not directly in scope, but you'll still feel it. The law works through supply chains:

Your IT provider
If it's covered, it must warn you about incidents and will want to update your contract.

Your customers
If they're covered, they'll ask you to prove your security.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Your window to prepare is open now

Where the Bill is now

Nov 2025	Jun 2026	Jul–Sep 2026	26 Oct 2026	Late 2026 to spring 2027	c. 2028
Introduced in the Commons	Commons stages complete	Lords second reading and Grand Committee	Lords Report stage	Royal Assent (expected)	Duties phase in (estimate)

Becoming law doesn't switch everything on at once. The detail, such as exact security measures and thresholds, will be set later through regulations, after a public consultation. That gap is your window to prepare.

What it asks for

01
Know your suppliers
Map, tier and assure the third parties you depend on, and know which ones could stop you trading.

02
Report fast
An initial notification within 24 hours and a full report within 72 is becoming the norm, in law and in contracts.

03
Prove recovery
Evidence that your controls and recovery actually work. Having security isn't enough; you need to show it.

Your roadmap

READINESS

Now
Next 90 days

- Turn on MFA everywhere
- Map your key suppliers
- Write an incident response plan
- Ask your IT provider the questions

HOW WE HELP
Security Health Check

RESPONSIVENESS

Next
6–12 months

- Test your incident response plan
- Start regular security testing
- Review your key suppliers
- Build your evidence pack

HOW WE HELP
Testing and 24/7 monitoring

RESILIENCE

Always
Ongoing

- Retest and review quarterly
- Track your progress
- Update as the detail lands
- Raise the bar with your suppliers

HOW WE HELP
Quarterly reviews and tracking

What can wait: Detailed regulations · Exact thresholds · Critical supplier designations · Sector guidance

Not sure where you stand?

Our Triple R Cyber Risk Assessment shows how ready you are, where your gaps are, and what to fix first, before your customers start asking.

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