

## HOW CAN BEING A VICTIM OF CYBER CRIME AFFECT MY BUSINESS?

If we take a look at what cyber crime is out there, there is self evidence as to what damage they can cause.

### **Hacking.**

'To gain access to a computer file or network illegally or without authorisation'

1. **Theft of data.** This can include proprietary information and intellectual property such as customer lists, research and development, financial data and personal information.
2. **Denial of service,** whereby attackers prevent legitimate users of a service from using that service.
3. **Virus attacks.** 2003 brought us a variety of new viruses targeting a number of software weaknesses.
4. **Corporate website spoofing attacks.** A spoof website claims to be the legitimate site of a particular organisation and is set up to look like the original.
5. **Unauthorised access to,** or misuse of, the company website, such as accessing secure areas or storing illicit material on the servers.
6. **Unauthorised access to,** or penetration of, corporate systems, such as hacking or gaining access through social engineering.
7. **Financial fraud,** through deception and identity.
8. **Sabotage of,** or damage to, data or networks.
9. **Criminal use of the Internet;** this rather wide category was generally interpreted by respondents to mean inappropriate use or abuse of Internet access by personnel