

# The Microsoft MFA Mandate: How's Your Cybersecurity?

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Cyber threats aren't slowing down, and the emphasis on cybersecurity hygiene has only become more pronounced over the years. Fortunately, there are simple tried and true steps that can help keep your data secure.

Recently, Microsoft mandated multifactor authentication (MFA) for all Azure users. This decision comes amid a surge in cyberattacks and data-exposure incidents, including for a healthcare services company and a background checking group, that have revealed the widespread effects system vulnerabilities can have on consumers. As businesses face increasingly sophisticated threats, enhancing cybersecurity has become a top priority.

## The Importance of MFA: More Than Just a Password

MFA is now widely regarded as the leading defense against credential theft. By requiring users to verify their identity through multiple methods, such as a password and a temporary code, MFA adds an essential layer of security. And even if a password is compromised, the additional verification step makes it much harder for unauthorized users to gain access, drastically reducing the likelihood of breaches.

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## Making It Harder for Bad Actors

When we say “bad actors,” we aren’t talking about poor movie performances — we mean the cybercriminals who are always searching for ways to exploit vulnerabilities.

Cybercriminals are constantly on the lookout for easy entry points, and MFA serves as a formidable deterrent. MFA makes their job much tougher, often sending them looking for easier targets. This is why many cyber insurers have made MFA a mandatory requirement for securing coverage, particularly for remote access, email systems and administrative network access. Without MFA, companies not only risk falling victim to cyberattacks but also face potential financial repercussions from being uninsured.

## How NFP Can Help

For organizations yet to implement MFA, the good news is that the process is straightforward. Most cloud platforms, including Microsoft Azure, offer quick add-on options that enable businesses to enhance their security measures with minimal effort. However, the complexities of cybersecurity can still be challenging, which is why partnering with a trusted advisor is crucial.

At NFP, we are committed to helping businesses protect themselves from cyber threats. Our partnerships with leading cybersecurity firms allow us to offer our clients top-tier security solutions and expert guidance. From setting up MFA to providing in-depth security assessments, our comprehensive resources ensure that your company is well equipped to handle any cybersecurity threats.

## Why Choose NFP?

We know each case is unique and prioritize partnerships that put people first and solve problems with expertise. By understanding your unique challenges, we tailor our services to meet your specific needs. Whether you need assistance with MFA implementation or require broader cybersecurity support, NFP is here to guide you every step of the way.

## Key Benefits of Partnering with NFP:

- **Expertise in Cybersecurity:** We partner with industry leaders to bring you the latest in cybersecurity solutions.
- **Client Education:** We offer resources and training to ensure your team is informed and prepared.
- **Tailored Solutions:** Our services are customized to address your specific security concerns.
- **Comprehensive Risk Management:** We help you identify, assess and mitigate risks across your entire organization.
- **Ongoing Support:** NFP provides continuous support, ensuring your cybersecurity measures evolve with emerging threats.

As cyber threats continue to evolve, so must your cybersecurity. The Microsoft MFA mandate is a crucial step in strengthening security, but it’s just one piece of the puzzle. You need the expertise, resources and support to protect your business in today’s constantly changing digital world.

**To learn more about safeguarding your company against cyber threats, reach out to us.**

## Contact a Consultant



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