

Preparing Your Business for a Penetration Test Checklist

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Define the Scope of Your Pen Test

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Determine Testing Objectives:	
	Identify the systems or applications you want to test (e.g., network security, web applications, physical access).
	Clearly state what success looks like (e.g., finding vulnerabilities in specific areas or assessing overall security resilience).
Set Boundaries:	
	List all systems to be tested, such as specific IP addresses, applications, databases, or networks. Specify any systems or areas that are out of scope to avoid unintentional disruptions.
Agree on Testing Types:	
	Choose a testing method: full-knowledge, partial-knowledge, or no-knowledge, depending on your security needs and the type of assessment required.

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Select the Right Penetration Testing Partner

Research and Verify Credentials:

Ensure the vendor holds industry-recognised certifications (CREST, NCSC, ISO 9001). Confirm they have experience with businesses similar to yours and specialise in the kind of testing you need.

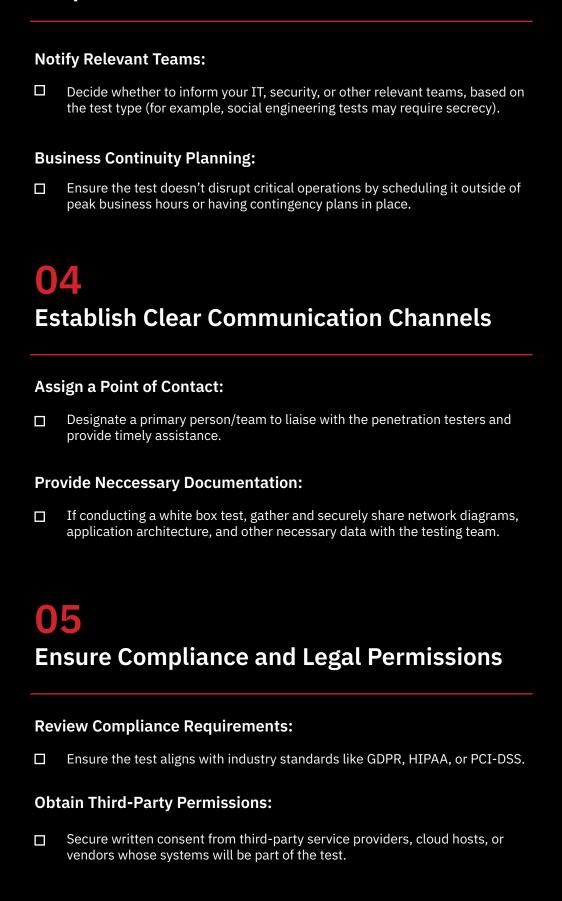
Check Confidentiality Agreements:

Sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) to protect your sensitive data during and after the test.

Evaluate Transparency:

Ensure clear communication around the scope, cost, and timelines of the testing process.

Prepare Internal Teams



Backup Critical Systems and Data

