



VdS certification for your
information security

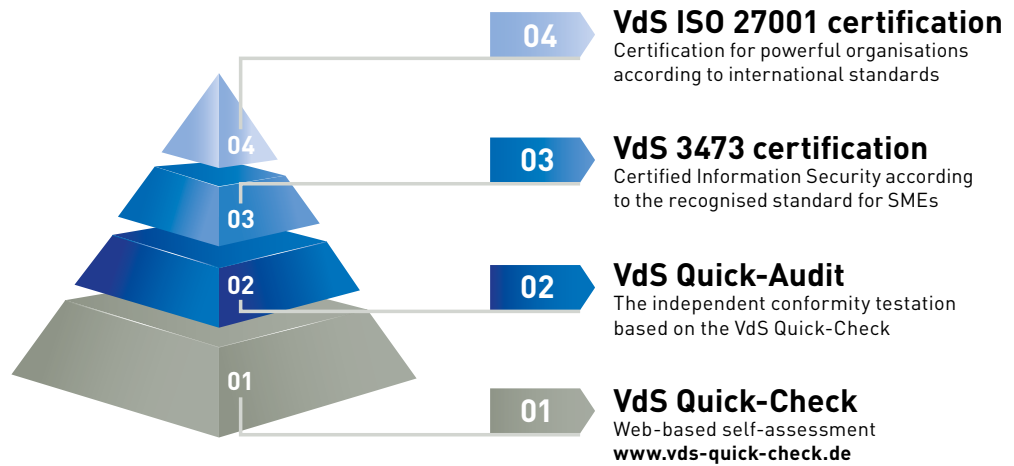
Cyber-Security for Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs)



■ Cyber-security – the fire protection of the 21st century

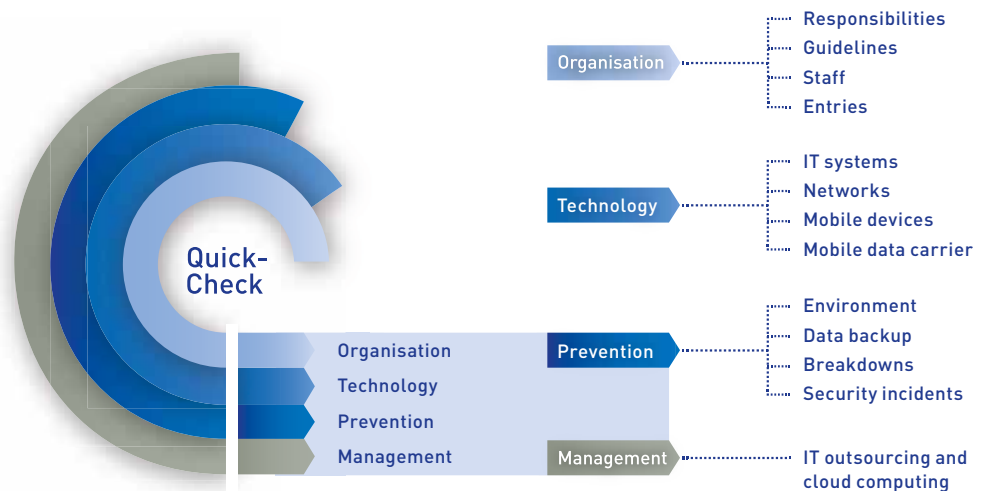
Companies nowadays also have to consider risks resulting from digitalisation and networking. Established protection standards, in particular the VdS guidelines are available for the defence of the “classical” dangers through fire, burglary and natural disaster risks. In the field of cyber-security however, there was a lack of a feasible standard so far – especially for SMEs. The new guidelines VdS 3473 now close this gap.

What does the status of the cyber-security in your company look like? We give you answers.



■ VdS Quick-Check: Overview in 20 minutes

The web-based self-assessment-tool “VdS Quick-Check” enables you to get a first impression of the status of the cyber-security in your company. The questionnaire determines the individual level of protection in the fields of organisation, technology, prevention and management and gives practical recommendations to enhance your security and make quick wins. Suitable for all company sizes. Fast, detailed and free of charge.



■ Quick-Audit: Verified Status by cyber-experts

Based on the result of a Quick-Check our auditors examine the measures taken on cyber-security in your company on site. The Quick-Audit is suitable for small businesses in particular and will usually last one to two days. If you like, we will inform you in detail in advance how the process is carried out and make an appointment with you.

The audit report shows after completion of the examination one by one, what actions already work and reveals existing gaps. Of course you will also receive proposals for improving your cyber-security. On request we can visit you to verify any open issues.

An audit report (attestation of conformity) is a valuable part of your risk prevention. Due to the fact that the Quick-Audit is a snapshot, we recommend to repeat the quick-audit annually. Then you will know whether the cyber-security keeps up with the development of your company and whether it reacts adequately to the current cyber threats. You can then devote yourself to your core business again.

■ VdS certificate in accordance with VdS 3473: Show your customers and partners that you are serious about it

A VdS-certification confirms that your cyber-security fully complies with all requirements of the guidelines VdS 3473 and ensures that your business is adequately protected against the main Cyber threats.¹

The requirements are specifically tailored to the SME sector, without overstraining the company organisationally and financially. The recommended measures may be implemented in the company through its own specialised staff (e.g. IT department and Information Security Officers).² Or you make use of the help of VdS-approved consultants for cyber-security, who make your cyber-security fit for a VdS certification.³

Our highly qualified auditors verify the necessary documentation and prove on-site for a proper implementation of all measures. The time required depends on the IT structure. The validity period of the VdS certificate is three years, whereby scheduled annual check-up-audits (with a reduced scope) will take place. A VdS-certified cyber-security generates high confidence among your customers and partners and leads to competitive advantages. A VdS certificate may also help insurers in the risk assessment when offering coverage of cyber damages. This keeps the risks away from your balance sheet. It is calculable to see that your investments in cyber-security pay off.

1 The full text of the guidelines VdS 3473 is available for download at www.vds.de/cyber.

2 VdS courses on information security in Cologne or in-house help you to build and expand the cyber expertise within your organisation.

3 VdS-approved consultants for cyber-security have proven their qualification to VdS and are subject to a continuous quality control by VdS. You may find a daily updated list of VdS-approved consultants at www.vds.de/cyber.



VdS – Inspected-Approved-Safe

VdS is one of the world's most renowned and prestigious institutions for corporate security and safety, specialising in fire protection, security, natural disaster prevention and cyber-security. The services include risk assessments, on-site inspections, certifications of products, companies and professionals, and a comprehensive training and publication programme. The VdS seal of approval enjoys an excellent reputation in professional circles and among decision makers. VdS clients include industrial and commercial businesses in all industries, leading international manufacturers, system houses and professional specialists, as well as risk-conscious banks and insurers. The VdS seal of approval for products and service providers was repeatedly awarded by the WIK-study as the main purchase criterion in the security market.

VdS pursues a scheme of integrated security approach, which has been proven in fire protection and intruder protection for decades:

- Formulation of appropriate requirements for the desired level of protection by VdS guidelines
- Formulation of requirements and the examination and certification of products
- Certification of processes in companies
- Certification of companies and experts
- Initial inspection and revisions of protection systems
- Qualification of Safety Officers and Managers through a wide-ranging training program

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VdS offers around the subject of Cyber-Security:

- VdS Quick-Check
- VdS Quick-Audit
- Certification according to VdS 3473, for SMEs in particular
- ISO 27001 certification
- Courses
- VdS-approval of cyber-security consultants

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