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Office Wiring Self-Assessment Scorecard

10 warning signs to score your infrastructure.
Find out if your wiring is ready for 2026.

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Signs You Might Need to Get an Upgrade

If your office wiring isn't up to par, you'll usually feel it before you see it—slow or inconsistent network speeds, dropped connections, cameras lagging or going offline, and troubleshooting that takes far longer than it should. You might also notice messy, unlabeled cabling, frequent downtime during moves or changes, or systems that struggle to support newer technology. When everyday operations start getting disrupted by “small” tech issues, it's often a sign the underlying wiring and infrastructure isn't built to handle your current needs.

How to Use This Scorecard

Rate each of the 10 indicators below on a scale of 1 (poor) to 3 (strong). Tally your score at the end to see if your office wiring is a bottleneck or a backbone.

10 Warning Signs to Score

1. Internet Speed at the Desk

Your plan says 500 Mbps but desktops only see 50-100 Mbps.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

2. VoIP Call Quality

Calls drop, echo, or cut out during meetings.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

3. Wi-Fi Dead Zones

Certain rooms or floors have weak or no wireless signal.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

4. Camera Feed Reliability

Security cameras freeze, lag, or lose connection.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

5. Cable Age and Type

Wiring is Cat5e or older, installed more than 8 years ago.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

6. Patch Panel Organization

Cable runs are unlabeled, tangled, or poorly terminated.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

7. Network Rack Condition

Rack is overloaded, poorly ventilated, or inaccessible.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

8. Expansion Capacity

Adding a new desk or device requires new cable runs.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

9. Downtime Frequency

Unexplained outages happen monthly or more often.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

10. Last Professional Audit

No certified technician has inspected your cabling in 2+ years.

■ 1 (Poor) ■ 2 (Fair) ■ 3 (Strong)

Your Score

24-30 Strong Foundation

Your wiring supports growth. Schedule annual inspections to stay current.

15-23 Gaps Exist

Key vulnerabilities remain. A professional audit can prioritize upgrades.

10-14 Critical Bottleneck

Your infrastructure is holding your business back. Immediate action recommended.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

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