

# 5 things to ask yourself before setting up a new office

## 1 Decide if you're willing to do it yourself. **Not sure?**

Do you have a good amount of IT, networking, and security knowledge? If so, you may be able to do it alone. Just make sure you are up for the day-to-day management. Things will occasionally need to be tweaked unexpectedly and upgraded.

## 2 If you are willing to manage the IT aspects, then stop reading

Seriously, you want to do it yourself? Well hats off to you. But, keep the next thought in mind just in case.

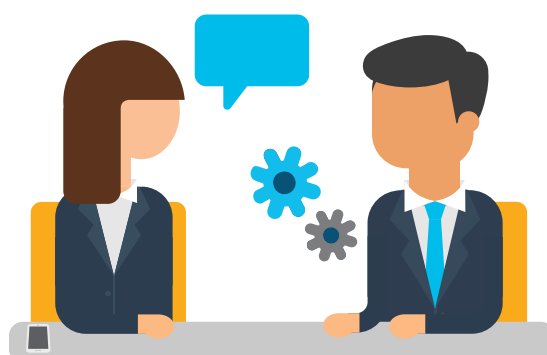


## 3 If you're not sure about managing your own network, then get help

Not just anyone, but someone who really knows this stuff, such as your local Cisco® partner, who will be with you to 24/7. Let's face it, do you really want to spend your evenings or weekends fixing a network outage or trying to upgrade to the latest security software? Free yourself up to focus on other things, like getting your business back up and running.

## 4 How to get the support you need

Cisco invented this stuff. We have trained our partners, too. So, these professionals are smart—really smart about networks. And, most likely they live near you. They can assess what you need and recommend the best, most secure solution for your budget.



## 5 Isn't it cheaper to do it myself?

In a word, no. See item 3 again. If you're not convinced, think about it: a network issue or security breach can cost you hundreds, even thousands, of dollars when customers cannot reach you or buy your product. Do you really want to risk that?

## Let's get back to growing your business

Your business is growing. And it's becoming more digital. You need a secure network more than ever before.

[Learn more about the technology choices and services that can help you jump-start your efforts today.](#)

