



# 3 Must-Haves for Secure, Productive Remote Work



## Remote work is here to stay. Are you doing it right?

Working from home: Everyone's doing it, and it's not going anywhere anytime soon. Especially because remote work can save money and improve productivity. But it needs to be done right, with security at the forefront.

**54%**

of businesses expect to adopt remote work as a permanent option<sup>1</sup>

**98%**

of businesses predict that meetings will have at least one remote worker<sup>2</sup>

**\$11k**

how much companies can save annually for each employee that works remotely half-time<sup>3</sup>

## 1 Put security first

**54%** of IT professionals think that remote workers are a greater security risk<sup>4</sup>

Remote work comes with its own security risks. Remote workers rely on personal computers, routers and mobile devices that can be difficult to manage and secure. Look for security solutions that:

- Provide flexible cloud-delivered security
- Protect data by verifying the identity of users, devices and applications
- Detect and block cyberattacks from email

## 2 Make remote meetings better than in-person meetings

**77%** of remote workers report being more productive yet **20%** identify communication as a key obstacle<sup>5</sup>

We've all sat through horrible video conferences: the log-in issues, connection drop outs, audio problems, or pixelated video. And then the meeting ends and... who has the notes? The slides? The related documents? Make it easy for team members to meet, collaborate and share with a virtual workspace that captures all of the interactions and information about a project. Look for a solution that:

- Offers secure exchange of messages and files, across devices
- Makes it easy to search for conversations and documents
- Allows you to privately message one person or create a group chat in seconds



## 3 Simplify, simplify, simplify

Businesses use over **50** cybersecurity tools on average<sup>6</sup>

If you don't have a large IT team, you may be worried that getting your remote workforce connected securely might be complicated. But it doesn't have to be. To reduce IT complexity, look for solutions that:

- Integrate meetings, calling and security
- Are cloud-based and easy for employees to deploy without onsite IT
- Are simple to manage
- Offer financial flexibility, with pay-as-you-need pricing options



## Get started quickly

Cisco Secure Remote Work is a cloud-based solution that combines security and collaboration in one package. You get video conferencing, messaging, file sharing and white boarding capabilities plus security solutions to protect users, devices, data, email and more.

Secure Remote Work is easy to purchase, deploy and use—even without a big IT team. We offer several flexible buying options and a great partner ecosystem to help you.

Talk to a technology consultant today



<sup>1</sup> Source: "COVID-19 CFO Pulse Survey" by PwC  
<sup>2</sup> Source: "The Rise of the Hybrid Workplace" Survey by Dimensional Research

<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://globalworkplaceanalytics.com/telecommuting-statistics>

<sup>4</sup> Source: [review42.com](https://review42.com)

<sup>5</sup> Source: [review42.com](https://review42.com)

<sup>6</sup> Source: <https://biztechmagazine.com/article/2019/03/rsa-2019-most-organizations-use-too-many-cybersecurity-tools>