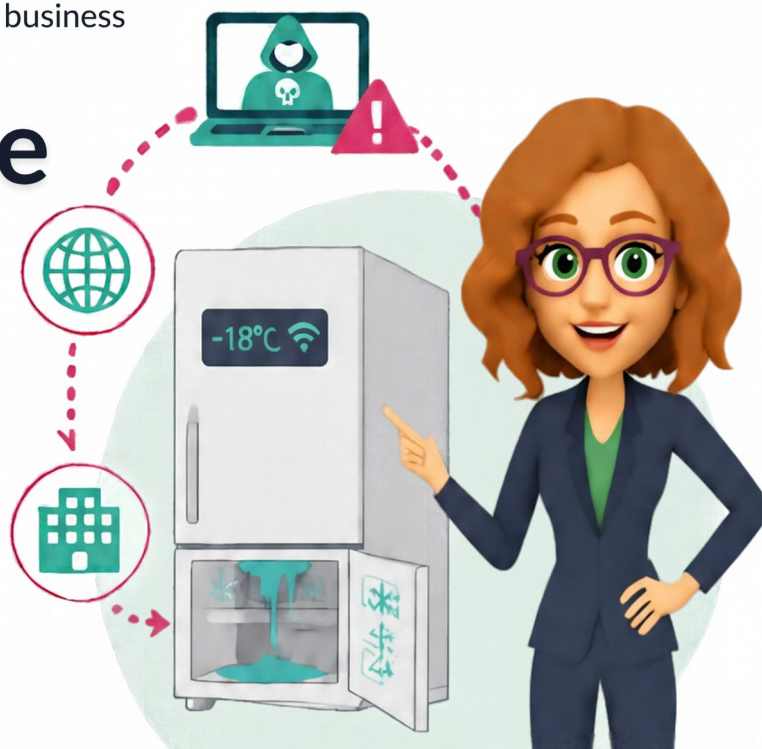


Could someone hack your fridge?

In October 2026, attackers logged into the systems controlling freezers in hundreds of French supermarkets and set them to defrost at around 50°C. The fridges did exactly what they were told.



What in your building could be reached from outside?



Fridges and freezers



Heating and air con



CCTV



Door entry



Alarm panels

Five checks you can do this week

1

Make a list

Write down everything that is smart, connected or looked after by an outside company.

2

Ask who can get in remotely

Only the people who need it, with their own logins, ideally when you have agreed.

3

Check it is still supported

Does it still get security updates? If not, start planning a replacement now.

4

Change the default passwords

The one in the manual is easy to find online. Give every device its own.

5

Plan for it failing

Who would notice tonight, who would you call, and what is the workaround?