How AI Powers Cyber Crime and Protects Against It

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In 2025, artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled cyber attacks rose 47 percent globally, according to DeepStrike's 'AI Cyber Attack Statistics 2025, Trends, Costs, Defense' analysis. Cyber criminals are increasingly using AI across the attack lifecycle – both to find and exploit weaknesses faster and to deepen and scale intrusions once inside a victim's environment.

Legally, businesses are often judged by a 'reasonable security' standard, which is a moving target requiring risk-based controls, integration of AI into security programmes with human oversight, employee training on AI-enabled threats, and defensive AI tools that are properly configured, monitored and regularly reviewed.

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