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Critical PHP fixes land tonight. Is your website ready?

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- ☐ **Find out which PHP version each of your sites runs.** Your host or developer can tell you.
 - ☐ **Ask your host when they'll install PHP's 21 October security release.** It's due at 10pm Perth time on 21 October (1am AEDT on 22 October). Also ask what they'll do for sites on PHP 8.1 or older.
 - ☐ **Book in your developer if you run your own server.** Shared hosts usually patch PHP for you, but a VPS or container setup needs someone to install the new version.
 - ☐ **Plan a move off PHP 8.1 or older.** Those versions no longer get security fixes from PHP, and PHP 8.2's support ends on 31 December. Test your plugins and theme on a supported version before switching.
 - ☐ **Check your site after the update.** Load your home page, contact form and checkout to make sure nothing broke.
 - ☐ **Report anything suspicious to the ACSC.** Call 1300 CYBER1 (1300 292 371) if you think your site has been attacked or you need advice.
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