Executives may think their confidential data is safe, but could they be wrong?

/EINPresswire.com/ Executive and non-executive directors probably may think other more pressing issues on their agendas than to worry about cybersecurity. But if they don't believe that they and their company are at genuine risk from cyber criminals, they couldn't be more wrong.

It doesn't need to be only bank accounts. Company top secrets are similarly attractive as the last incident with Samin Tan, the chairman of one of the world's biggest mining companies, shows all too well. As reported by The Times Mr Tan was targeted by hackers who disguised themselves as Wikipedia researchers in order to retrieve explosive confidential documents from his computer.

Alan Calder, CEO of cyber security experts IT Governance, warns, "In the information technology era nobody is safe. Those who have power and possess valuable information are even at greater risk of cybercrime. Executive and non-executive directors should be telling the board to improve cyber security and undertake stricter measures right now."

Calder explains that a more structured and managed approach to cybersecurity is critical in the fight against cybercrime. Encryption, network firewalls and software applications are not enough to ensure data protection.

"Unless security is supported by senior management and implemented at all levels of an organisation, there will always be gaps and inefficiency." says Calder.

This is where the international information security standard ISO27001 comes into play. It recognises that technology and the risks to information are at the heart of the challenges companies face nowadays. ISO27001 lays down that the ways a company deals with these risks

should be decided by the board in the context of its business plan.

Calder adds, "Company executives and chairmen should take responsibility in initiating cybersecurity improvements or they put their own and their company's reputation at risk."

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