



Use ISO27001 to combat the insider threat, experts say

ELY, UK, January 22, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [IT Governance](#), the leading provider of cyber security and [ISO27001](#) expertise, has warned that ignoring the role employees play in data breaches can expose organisations to more risks.

The warning comes following new research from Cisco, which revealed that just 58% of the 1000 employees interviewed were aware of security threats and the risk they pose to corporate information.

Ponemon Institute has made similar findings, but from the IT professional's perspective. 78% of the IT professionals interviewed consider negligent or careless employees who don't follow security policies to be the main reason for poor endpoint security.

Alan Calder, founder and executive chairman of IT Governance, says: "The insider threat is a big part of the information security challenge that organisations face. In most cases, mistakes will be made unintentionally, but the underlying message is that in order to prevent this from happening, companies must educate staff, enforce effective policies and procedures, and manage access control.

"ISO27001 should be the default standard that organisations turn to when addressing the insider threat and other issues, and adopting an integrated approach to people, process and technology."

What is ISO27001?

ISO27001 – the international standard for best-practice information security management systems – is a rigorous and comprehensive specification for protecting and preserving an organisation's information assets under the principles of confidentiality, integrity and availability.

ISO27001 also defines a requirement for continual assessment and measurable improvement, which ensures that the risks to an organisation are continually monitored and that appropriate mitigating controls are improved or implemented.

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