

Those ~5~ Things *Everyone* Every Executive Should Know When Evaluating Cybersecurity!



If you are here, then you are interested in:

Those **5** Big Issues:

- Awareness of issues that could impact your operations
- Defend / Protect your corporate assets
- Potential Consequences for NOT understanding “Cybersecurity”
- Where you should focus your investment dollars
- Not sure where to start



“Rough roads ahead?”

But first...

Understanding the CyberCircus



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Those 5 Common Questions...

- What does “**Cybersecurity**” mean?
- Our operational footprint is **small**. Why bother?
- How **long** is this going to take?
- Isn't Cybersecurity an **expensive** investment?
- What do I need to do right **now** to make a difference?



“Risk” isn’t funny...

... but what the tech teams are asking:

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- What's all of this about **Patching** our systems?
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"Trust me – I'm no threat!"

Those 5 ^{not-so} Fun Facts

- 95% of breaches caused by human **mistakes**
- 88% of companies have suffered from **phishing**
- 36 **billion** data records stolen *(1st half of 2021)*
- 300 billion **passwords** used by humans worldwide
- 5% of business owners **believe** they are secure



"Not my idea of hitching a ride"

“Cybersecurity”: *Those 5 Statistics*

- **\$2.4 million** Average cost of a malware attack
- **24,000** Malicious Mobile Apps launched daily (US)
- **350%** Rapid growth of Ransomware Attacks '20 → '22
- **\$4 Billion** Losses to Equifax from their breach
- **\$6 Trillion** Projected damage from cybercrime by eo2023



I SEE you!

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Remember these?

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#1 Oversights



#1: Oversights ... *Those 5 things that lead to big issues*



The rats in the shadows

- Unauthorized **Access** ... *... Who's getting in & why?*
- **Old** Code / Apps ... *... We'll do it later*
- Open **Networks** ... *... Nobody's going to look for me*
- Third-party **Vendors** ... *... Let's not make things so difficult*
- **False** Security ... *... But we're Compliant!*

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#2 Phishing



#2: Phishing ... *It's the favorite act in the circus*

- ... Online identity theft
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- ... Attempts to reveal sensitive information
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#2: Phishing ... *Curiosity is a bad idea*

- Asks to **confirm** our personal information
- Web / email **addresses** inaccurate/redirects
- Message is **poorly** written
- **Suspicious** attachment!
- Message makes us **panic**!



Remember what happened to the cat?

#2: Phishing ... *Those 5 reasons to toss it back*

- **Think** before you click
- Avoid apps from **unknown** developers
- Don't respond to **pop-up** windows
- Avoid **sharing** personal / sensitive data online
- **Learn** how & where the phish *swim*
- *(plus, one more):* If it **smells funny** ...



You might have to eat what you catch!

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#3 Passwords



#3: Passwords ... *Those 5 invitations to trouble*

- ... hello
- ... 12345
- ... qwerty
- ... password
- ... mynameisdrew

! → *allofthesepasswordsarecrap*



Pa\$\$wordsMakeMyH3ad-xpLOde!

#3: Passwords ... *Those 5 things to remember*

- ... Don't **share** them
- ... Don't **reuse** them
- ... Don't **tell** anyone what's in them *(yuck!)*
- ... Replace them as **needed**
- ... **Size** DOES Matter!



Use more than you think you should!

#3: Passwords ... *Being weird can help!*

- “**Should**” be between 13 & 16 characters
- **26** lower case letters
- **26** UPPER case letters
- **10** numerals
- **33** special characters (**, \$, etc.*)
- **95** total possibilities in each digit

95

#3: Passwords ... *The variables are endless!*

- $(95)^1$ 95 (Alphanumeric Characters)
- $(95)^2$ 9,025
- $(95)^3$ 857,375
- $(95)^4$ 81,450,625 (*"Million"*)
- $(95)^5$ 7,737,809,375 (*"Billion"*)
- $(95)^6$ 735,091,890,625 (*"Billion"*)
- $(95)^7$ 69,833,729,609,375 (*"Trillion"*)
- $(95)^8$ 6,634,204,312,890,625 (*"Quadrillion"*)
- $(95)^9$ 63,024,940,972,460,375 (*"Quadrillion"*)
- $(95)^{10}$ 59,873,693,923,837,890,625 (*"Quintrillion"*)



I hate math problems!

#3: Passwords ... *Those 5⁽⁺²⁾ things to remember*

- 🔒 **Change** your password on occasion
- 🔒 **Use** a password vault
- 🔒 **Choose** a pass-phrase that you will remember
- 🔒 **Combine** uppercase / lowercase characters
- 🔒 **Include** special characters (*#, \$, %, etc.*)
- + ... **Combine** a lyric / poem mixed with numbers;
- + ... **Add** a foreign word
- + ... **Add** a picture of your puppy (*kidding*)



"Pa\$\$wOrd!" is a type of Cypher

#3: Passwords ... *Those 5 things NOT to do*

- ☠ Include your username, first or last name
- ☠ Use a sport as a password
("baseball" & "football" are in the top 100!)
- ☠ Keep a local copy on OneNote or Notepad
- ☠ Store Passwords in Zoom sessions or in *Teams*
- ☠ Include personal data
(birthdate, spouse name, pet name, car, etc.)



You're making it too easy for me!

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#4 Patching



#4: Patching ... *There's always a hole!*

- The **hole** is in YOUR side of the boat!
- Patches Improve your state of **readiness**
- Operational **effectiveness** can be impacted
- Average lag time: more than 3 **months!**
- Hey—they're **FREE!**



"Patch Tuesday" is a good place to start

#4: Patching ... *No searching required!*

- They include **auto-fix** programs
- They follow a general release **schedule**
- (Most of the time) They **work** as designed
- ... buuuut...

... Sometimes, **more** is necessary



Patching: The First Best Step to take!

#4: Patching ... *Those 5 things to remember*

- Rely on your system **Automation**
- **Cloud** services include built-in pushes
- Check your **Update Schedule** & Settings
- Use “**Patch Tuesday**” as a routine checkpoint
- Stay **Informed** (bad stuff happens all the time)



Remove the obvious risks first!

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#5 Ransomware



#5: Ransomware ... *Those 5 Facts*

- Malicious Software
- Threatens to Exploit Your Fleet Assets
- Blocks Access to Sensitive Data / Functions
- Locks Files & holds your data hostage
- You may or may not get your data back!



\$20 Billion lost in 2021!

#5: Ransomware ... *Those 5 Myths*

- Only targets big companies
- Stopped [just] by backups
- Blocked by antivirus
- Blocked by firewalls
- Unstoppable



Once it's in—it's hard to remove!

#5: Ransomware ... *By the numbers*

- **186%** Increase in ransomware attacks against the transportation sector since 2021
- **105%** Increase in weekly ransomware attacks against the trucking industry since 2022
- **71%** Companies worldwide affected by ransomware in 2022
- **65%** Data gets returned when a company pays the ransom
- **57%** Companies successful in recovering anything at all



Insurance isn't always going to cover it!

#5: Ransomware ... *One-time problem? Nope!*

- **80%** Companies paid the ransom
(with <half getting anything back)
- **80%** Ransomware targets were hit again
- **64%** Victim companies still have bad guys in their systems
- **40%** Companies (regardless of size), experienced lay-offs



Phishing → Malware → Ransomware → ...?!

#5: Ransomware ... *Those 5 Signs of Trouble*

- Privileged User Account Activity
- Suspicious System File Changes
- Unusual Access Requests
- Terminating Critical Sessions
- Mobile Device Profile Changes



Awareness + Process + Policy + Tech = SAFETY

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*You can do
right now!*



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Those **5** things *you can do right now*

- Ask the right questions
- Be specific in your focus
- Cover those 5 bases
- Address the fundamentals
- Don't go it alone



Start with a basic understanding of "Risk"

#1: Ask the Right Questions!

- What is our greatest asset as a business?
- How often do we update our systems?
- How prepared are our fleet operations for a cyber attack?
- What would a hacker want from us?
- How do we think a hacker would exploit us?
- What security tools do/should we deploy right now?
- Who is accountable for addressing vulnerabilities?
- What do we see as the weakest link?



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#2: Be Specific in your FOCUS!

- What is the level of risk we are comfortable taking?
- What is the likelihood of exploitation?
- What are the internal & external vulnerabilities?
- What is the impact if those vulnerabilities are exploited?
- Do we [all] understand the relevant threats?
- How / Where would a data breach impact our fleet?



Time (and focus) can make all the difference

#3: Cover those 5 bases ...

- **Develop** your Business *Resilience & Response Plans*
... to test / validate your processes!
- **Create** Immutable Data *Back-up Plans*
... to minimize operational downtime!
- **Establish** your Incident *Response Plans*
... to avoid a "Too Late" situation!
- **Mandate** Fleetwide Cybersecurity *Training / Briefings*
... to make sure everyone knows at least the basics!
- **Schedule** a Tabletop *Exercise*
... to test / validate your processes!



Know the risks, know how to address them!

#4: Address the Fundamentals!

- Ensure you have **Leadership** Support NOW!
- Raise Cybersecurity **Awareness** (*companywide*)
- Establish a workable **Continuity** Plan
- Test / Validate your Emergency **Readiness**
- Check your **Tools** (*are they tuned properly?*)
- Never “Trust” & Always “**Verify!**”
- Passwords / Patches / **Authentication**
- When in **Doubt**—verify before opening



Keep a Clean Machine!

#5: Don't Go it Alone!

- (\$) Security Awareness Training
- (\$) Governance, Risk & Compliance Preparation
- (\$) Data Privacy Policy Review (*GDPR / CCPA*)
- (\$\$) Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery
- (\$\$) Security Controls Impact Analysis
- (\$\$~) Ransomware Defense & Readiness
- (\$\$) Penetration Testing
- (\$\$\$) Zero Trust Security Architecture



Asking for help may save your fleet operations!

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Drew would do



What would **Drew** do? ... *Start by recognizing everyone is at risk!*

Small Fleet (1 – 50)

1. Train the team
2. Update the apps
3. Limit access
4. Firewall / VPN
5. System Backups

Mid-size (51 – 150)

Train the team
Evaluate C.I.A.
BC / DR Plans
Validate Access
Gap Analysis

Large Fleet (151-300)

NIST / GRC Protocols
Train Dept Heads
Gap Analysis
Deploy / Update Controls
Scan the systems

Enterprise (300+)

NIST / GRC Protocols
Deploy / Update Controls
Review SDLC / ZTSA
Scan the systems
Tabletop Exercise

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Thank
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