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Risk Assessment: Explore the type of risk you face

Section: 1.4

Answer the questions on the following pages, the most honest you can, and with each answer you give, there will be an answer to point you towards your actual risk level:

How many devices do you use and own on a regular basis? Are any of these devices provided by your employer?

Answer:

If you have more devices, the higher the risk. You have more devices to secure. Also if your employer has given you a device to work on, then it would be wise to ask them for the organizational security protocols and have them install them on those devices)

Do you use social media? If so, have you enabled 'two-factor authentication'?

Answer:

Social media platforms usually ask for an extraordinary amount of personal data that you, as the user, don't need to give them, because this puts you and your data at a higher level of risk. Also, social media sites are where a lot of 'account hacks' happen, so enabling two-factor authentication will help to add an extra layer of security. The method produces a code every time someone tries to log into your account. Thus if someone does manage to access your password, they cannot access your account without the codes generated via text message, an authenticator app or pre-generated codes. It's like having two locks with two different keys on your door.

Does your organization have an IT expert, and a digital security protocol for all employees to follow, with regards to devices and the data they collect for stories?

Answer:

If your org has these things, this can greatly reduce your risk, but always remember, risk never completely finishes. Also, you can use your org's digital security protocol for your personal devices and data. However, if your org does not have the aforementioned things, then you will need to take matters into your own hands and research how to implement your own security protocols (not as scary as it sounds).

How do you store your data, both personal and professional?

Answer:

The range of answers go from physical storage to keeping an external hard drive and a backup of the cloud. Physical storage is the least secure method to store your data, and external hard drives are definitely an improved method of storing data.

Are you aware of new digital threats like phishing and ransomware attacks?

Answer:

If you're not, don't worry. You're taking this course and this will help you understand things a lot better. Digital safety and security is a lot about awareness that leads to prevention.

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Hopefully, these questions gave you an understanding of the different ways risks manifest themselves and the risks you are facing currently. If you're coming out of this short quiz a little flustered and worried, not to worry, this course is the perfect stepping stone for you to learn more!

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