Protect Your Organization’s Crown Jewels

**THREAT**

» Foreign powers use trusted insiders (employees, researchers, and contractors) or substantial financial investment to gain access to your company’s most valuable data

**IMPACT**

» Theft of proprietary data, critical technology, and research
» Compromise of your networks and supply chain
» Loss of your company’s competitive advantage or organizational reputation
» Significant financial loss
» Unforeseen legal liabilities

**MITIGATION**

» Establish a strong internal security department and processes
» Conduct thorough and recurring background checks on people with access to your facilities, systems, and research
» Understand who you are doing business with and impacts from financial investments in your company
» Use tripwires like network security software and IT system monitoring
» Use strong contract language and non-disclosure agreements
» Limit information sharing with sub-contractors
» Train employees to identify and report possible insider threats
» Build up and periodically evaluate workforce morale

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