Virtual Telework Platforms - Protect Your Company Information

**THREAT**

» Foreign powers can exploit virtual telework platforms to gain access to your company’s proprietary data and your employees’ sensitive personal information

**IMPACT**

» Could support targeted cyber operations to expand access to your company’s networks

» May record and archive your company’s video conferences, revealing sensitive company data

» May be able to monitor your sessions in real-time

» May be able to gain access to your email, chats, contacts, and financial data

» Could provide a foreign entity with information that allows them to steal your market share

**MITIGATION**

» Know your platform’s country of origin as some foreign national security laws require your data to be stored on or pass through foreign servers -- they may even require direct or on-demand remote access

» Ensure your platform uses appropriate security features and strong encryption to prevent hacking and protect user confidentiality

» Use multifactor authentication and encrypted connections for sensitive discussions

» Know your terms of service and understand the encryption used for your connections

» Provide clear guidance to employees on which applications, sites, and platforms they can use, particularly on company or government computers

» Limit personal data you share on any virtual platform

» Use physical covers on your computer cameras when not in use

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