



National Counterintelligence
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SECURE INNOVATION

COMPANIES SUMMARY



KNOW THE THREATS

- Your people are your greatest asset but, in some cases, they can pose an insider risk
- Weak IT protocols can provide an easy way for businesses to be exploited
- Your assets could be stolen via physical access
- Hostile actors can operate more easily overseas than in the U.S.
- Investment can be used to gain access to, and influence over, your company
- International expansion exposes you to jurisdiction risk from foreign laws and business practices
- Vulnerable or malicious suppliers could compromise your business



SECURE YOUR ENVIRONMENT

- Identify a security lead at Board level who factors security into business decisions and starts a security dialogue
- Identify which assets, information, and data matter most to your business
- Add security to your risk register
- Focus security measures around your critical assets
- Build security into your IT architecture





SECURE YOUR PRODUCTS

- Build security into your products from the beginning
- Identify and actively manage your IP



SECURE YOUR PARTNERSHIPS

- Manage collaboration risks
- Consider security in your investment strategy
- Build security into your supply chain



SECURE YOUR GROWTH

Expand safely into new markets

- Implement security procedures for international travel
- Comply with export controls
- Understand how foreign laws could increase the risk to your business

Security for a growing team

- Implement a pre-employment screening process
- Maintain a positive security culture
- Deliver effective security education for your employees
- Provide additional support to staff in higher-risk roles

Prepare for security incidents

- Establish and test an incident management plan
- Monitor your IT and staff to detect and explore unexpected behavior

