

10 Signs Your Organization Has an Increased Risk of Unintentional Insider Threat: A Checklist



The U.S. encounters about 2,500 internal security breaches daily.

It's no wonder that 98% of organizations feel vulnerable to unintentional insider attacks. Often, employees unknowingly engage in behaviors that may lead to a cyberattack or data breach. Although negligent in nature, these insider-caused data breaches yield real-world consequences like fines, judgments, and damage to your brand. That's why, especially now, it's important to understand and prioritize your security posture.



Do you know the level of unintentional insider risk in your organization?

Our checklist below will help you determine whether your organization is at a higher risk of unintentional insider threats based on 10 telltale signs. All you need to do is check off each box next to the scenarios your organization is currently dealing with or has dealt with in the past.

Based on your results, we offer up solutions as to how you can mitigate enterprise-wide user risk on the next page.

Which of these is true in your organization? Check all that apply.

Visibility

- You have little to no visibility into the user risk in your organization.
- Collecting critical insights on user actions, attackability, and access levels takes months.
- You don't have a consistent measure of internal user risk on an individual, departmental, or organizational level.
- You have plenty of security tools, but lack the insight to apply specific guardrails to the riskiest users.
- You lack the ability to identify high-risk users at all levels of the business.

Targeted Security & Communication

- You lack the capability to respond to almost any user-based risk in near real-time.
- You lack the ability to mitigate user risk without locking down the entire company and killing essential productivity.
- Providing quick feedback to users to inform them of security-related actions that affect their risk profile is a challenge.
- You struggle to communicate effectively with users about their individual risk posture.
- You send out negative emails, warning the entire company to complete training, be careful, stop clicking, etc.

Determining the Results

SEVERE

If you checked off 5+ boxes, then your organization needs a user risk mitigation tool like Elevate Security. With the [Elevate Security Platform](#), your organization can improve its security posture with unprecedented visibility into the actions of your employees, enabling you to adjust permissions when necessary. With a high level of user risk in your organization, user risk mitigation technology is essential to preventing security breaches before they start.

MODERATE

If you checked off 2-4 boxes, your organization is still at risk and can benefit from technology focused on mitigating user risk. By analyzing the online behaviors of users, your organization can see which areas need improvement (i.e., are users often falling for phishing schemes, sharing company data, or working via an unsecured network?). By providing real-time feedback and data as well as customizable playbooks, your organization can mitigate the risk of a user unintentionally triggering a security breach.

MILD

If you checked off <1 box, your organization understands the need for diligent cybersecurity measures. However, without user risk mitigation technology, your organization is still vulnerable to a security breach introduced by an insider. With Elevate Security, even companies with pre-existing cybersecurity measures fortify their armor and continue to protect themselves from the inside out.

Discover how Elevate Security can help you predict user risk and stop security incidents before they start.

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About Elevate Security

Elevate Security, founded in 2007 by two ex-Salesforce executives, focuses on providing organizations with the right technology and tools to mitigate insider risk. With a user risk profile, enterprises have more visibility into their cybersecurity than ever before by tracking user behaviors and evaluating them for risk. This way, employers have an inside look into their team's actions and can make adjustments to permissions and access as needed. In addition, the Elevate Security Platform enables your organization to take preventative action against cyberattacks, providing you with the data to do so. Please visit elevatesecurity.com for more information.