

Chapter 3: Physical Security

When talking about IT security, it's easy to get caught up in focusing only on IT hardware and software security solutions. But remember that all digital IT solutions, in the end, require some kind of underlying hardware. So take a few minutes to check out your home or work office environment, thinking about physical security. Ask yourself, "How could a determined malicious actor somehow get onto my network, steal devices containing sensitive data, and so on. Go ahead and pause the video and check out the physical security of your environment, then come on back to see some noteworthy potential physical security weaknesses.

- Computer left unattended (think hardware keylogger)
- Computer left logged in
- Unlocked doors and windows
- Access to a server room or wiring closet/panel
- Workstation near windows that could allow remote visual monitoring
- Unencrypted storage media
- USB ports on computers that have not been disabled