

Reasons Why People Don't Follow Security Policy – Analysis

Week 5 Practical Exercise

Reason	What is the issue for the organisation?	What is the issue for an employee of the organisation?	What possible solution might there be?
1. The policy exists solely to protect the company's legal standing in the case of an incident.			
2. There is a policy, but no one understands it, except the person who wrote it and who has since left the company.			
3. They have never seen or don't remember having read the security policy.			
4. Managers are aware of the policy, but their managers do not prioritize or reward a strong security posture, and the disregard trickles down.			
5. People are aware that they are in violation of the security policy, but they believe the policy does not apply to them due to their elevated status or intelligence.			

6. People are aware that they are in violation of the security policy, but they think the policy is stupid.			
7. Following the policy gets in the way of getting work done.			
8. They forget what is and isn't allowed by security policy.			
9. The security policy is out of sync with the current environment.			
10. There is no security policy.			