

A CISO'S ROLE IN SECURITY LEADERSHIP

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CISO: DEFINITION

A CISO has an executive-level position within an organization and is tasked with establishing and maintaining various mechanisms and structures that safeguard the informational and technological assets of the organization. CISOs are technologists who can participate in high-level initiatives as business strategists. CISOs ensure that information technology (IT) systems comply with security and regulatory requirements. In summary, a CISO is the top cyber executive of an organization.

CISO

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Determining and establishing the right governance and security practices for the organization
- Creating and enabling a framework that ensures risk-free scalability of business operations
- Helping executives at a C-suite level understand cyber risks



Six critical responsibilities
underpin a CISO's success.
and we'll look at these
roles in the following
sections



Critical Responsibilities that Underpin a CISO's Success

TRUSTED SECURITY ADVISOR

As a CISO, you need to translate technical matters into the language of the business. In other words, you will be helping non-technological executives and boards understand technical matters and help them make risk-informed decisions confidently.

Critical Responsibilities that Underpin a CISO's Success

STRATEGIST

As a CISO, you need to get involved in setting goals, determining actions to achieve the goals, and mobilizing resources to execute prioritized actions that need to be tightly linked to the business strategy

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LEADER

As a CISO, you need to have leadership skills not just to build an inspired and bonded diverse team, but also set an example as a role model to create a culture of constant learning, innovation, and active collaboration.

Critical Responsibilities that Underpin a CISO's Success

MODERN MARKETER

Modern marketing is the ability to harness the full capabilities of a business to provide the best experience for the customer and thereby drive growth.

As a CISO, you need to evangelize cybersecurity capabilities to regulators, client prospects, insurers, and business partners—helping win new business, lower the cost of capital, and maintain a license to operate.

Critical Responsibilities that Underpin a CISO's Success

CHANGE AGENT

CISOs should be able to create a cyberculture whereby everyone in the organization understands cyber risks and helps to mitigate them.

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INFLUENCER

CISOs should be able to influence critical stakeholders to support the cybersecurity transformation.



The CISO role has traditionally only dealt with keeping information and systems secure from both outside and inside threats. However, **more responsibilities** are being added to the portfolio of CISO executives, and the expanding role sees CISOs taking an integral role in the long-term planning and strategic planning of an organization.

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