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Formerly the SANS Critical Security Controls (SANS Top 20) these are now officially called the CIS Critical Security Controls (CIS Controls).

CIS Controls Version 8.1 includes updated alignment to evolving industry standards and frameworks, revised asset classes and CIS Safeguard descriptions, and the addition of the “Governance” security function.

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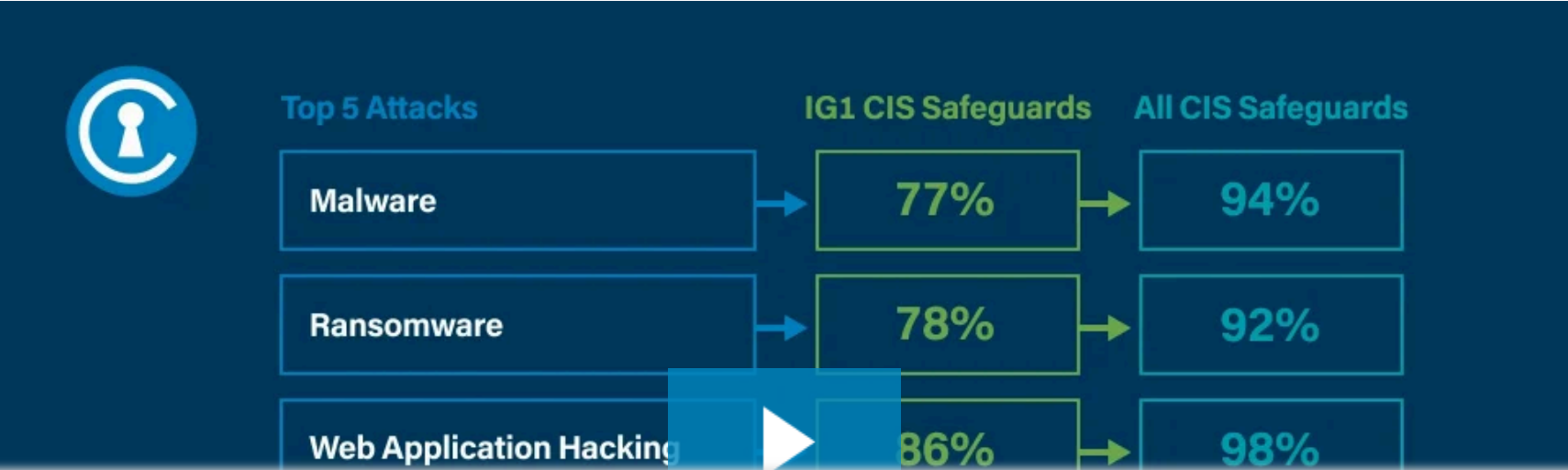
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