Incidence Response playbook: Insider Threat- Privilege misuse

1. Initial response:

- Inform the incident response team and other essential stakeholders, such as legal and human resources.
- To prevent future harm, isolate the affected systems or devices.
- Gather and save evidence linked to the occurrence, such as system logs, user activity records, and any other relevant data.

2. Investigation:

- Determine the scope and effect of the incident, including the extent of the insider's data or system access.
- Determine the person(s) responsible for the incident and their motivation.
- Analyze activity logs and other pertinent data to comprehend the sequence of events and any other indicators of malicious activity.
- Determine the organization's possible effect, including any sensitive or secret data that may have been accessed or exfiltrated.

3. Mitigation:

- Remove insiders' access to all systems and data that aren't required for their job function.
- To avoid such events in the future, implement extra security controls such as two-factor authentication or data loss prevention.
- Increase monitoring and detection capabilities to detect similar instances and patterns of behavior.

4. Remediation:

- Review and update system and data access policies and procedures to verify they are adequate to prevent repeat events.
- Increase staff understanding of the hazards of insider threats and how to identify and report them by providing additional training.
- As appropriate, consider legal and disciplinary action against the insider responsible for the occurrence.

5. Notification:

- Determine whether the situation necessitates informing consumers, partners, or other stakeholders.
- Notify affected parties in accordance with applicable laws or organizational policies.
- To retain stakeholder trust, provide clear and accurate information about the incident, including the efforts done to mitigate and remediate it.

6. Post-incident Review:

- Examine the incident response process to discover opportunities for improvement.
- Examine whether the incident response strategy was effective and whether any changes are required.
- Record the incident and reaction activities for future use and reference.