

# CYBERSECURITY Insider Threats

## What is Insider Threats?

- An insider threat is a security risk that originates from within the targeted organization
- Disgruntled and/or former employee who gains access to sensitive information with the network and misuses that access

## TYPES OF INSIDER THREATS

Intentional threat – someone who takes action to harm an organization for personal benefit or out of malicious intent

Unintentional threat – someone who unintentionally or accidentally exposes the organization to threats

A mole – someone from the outside who has gained access to a privileged network by posing as a trusted employee

## How to Protect Against Insider Attacks

Conduct regular risk assessments to understand the potential impact of insider attacks

Provide regular security awareness training for all staff

Closely manage the accounts and privileges of all employees and contractors

Perform penetration testing at least annually to help identify security improvements

Commission a simulated phishing assessment

Implement 24/7 network and endpoint monitoring to detect anomalous behavior

motive to harm

### Intentional

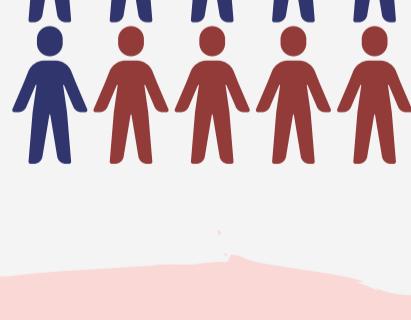
conscious decision to act inappropriately

### Negligent

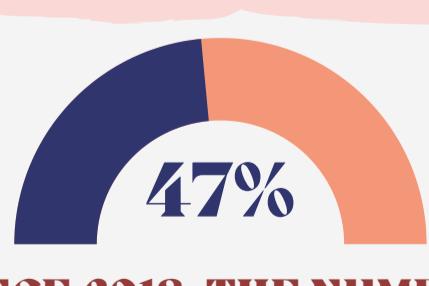
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### Unintentional

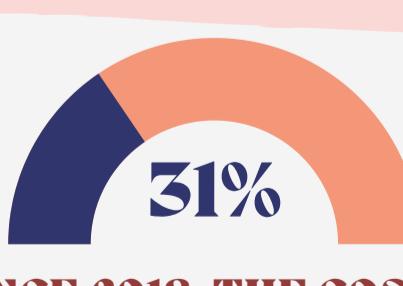
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**SINCE 2018, THE NUMBER  
OF INSIDER SECURITY  
INCIDENTS HAS RISEN BY  
47 PERCENT**



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