

The Problem

Right now, we don't have centralized visibility into what's happening in our environment. That means if an account is compromised or a malicious actor is inside the network, we might not know until it's too late.

The Risk

- Prolonged downtime due to slow detection and response
- Reputational damage from breaches or ransomware
- Legal and compliance issues due to missing audit trails
- High recovery costs after an incident

The Solution

A SOC and SIEM solution helps us:

- Detect threats in real time
- Investigate incidents quickly and accurately
- Proactively defend our environment
- Build a defensible security posture with auditable logs

The ROI

The cost of a breach (downtime, lost data, legal, reputation) vastly outweighs the cost of a SOC/SIEM. Investing now is significantly cheaper than cleaning up later.

What I Propose

Let's start with a manageable SOC/SIEM solution—possibly through a managed service (MSSP/MDR). It scales with us, requires minimal internal overhead, and gives us the visibility and control we're missing.

Bonus: We Might Already Have It

Depending on our Microsoft 365 licensing, we might already have access to core capabilities:

- **Microsoft 365 Business Premium** includes Defender for Business—offering endpoint detection, reporting, and alerting features.
- **Microsoft 365 E5 or E5 Security** includes Defender XDR and Microsoft Sentinel—full-blown XDR and SIEM/SOAR platforms.
- These tools can tap into the logs we're already generating—and turn them into security intelligence.

Before we spend more, let's make sure we're using what we've already paid for.

Bottom Line

Without a SIEM, we're flying blind.

With it, we gain real-time detection, forensic capability, and peace of mind.