

# CompTIA Security + 5.0 Risk Management

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Title: Policies, Plans, and Procedures

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## 5.1 Policies, Plans, and Procedures

- 5.1 Explain the importance of policies, plans and procedures related to organizational security.
  - Standard operating procedure
  - Agreement types
    - BPA
      - Sets the terms and conditions for the partnership
      - Establishes the responsibilities of each business partners
      - Can define
        - Duration of the partnership
        - Decision-making process
        - Liability
    - SLA
      - Contract between a service provider and an end user or business
      - Defines what the acceptable level of performance is
      - Can define
        - Quality of service
        - Availability
        - Responsibilities
        - Usage statistics
        - Plans for addressing downtime
          - Outages
          - Service Credits
          - Compensation
    - ISA
      - NIST SP 800-47
        - Defines technical and security requirements (VPN, authentication mechanisms, encryption) for establishing, operating and maintaining a connection between two organizations
    - MOU/MOA
      - Defines responsibilities of two parties or what the parties will contribute to a partnership. It defines the details of cooperation between two companies that have a common goal.
      - Not legal binding
  - Personnel management
    - Mandatory vacations
      - Seek to uncover malicious activities of employees
      - Five consecutive workdays
    - Job rotation
      - Gives employees a larger skill set
      - Helps with cross-training
      - Ensures that not a single employee retains
    - Separation of duties
      - Having more than one person to complete a task
      - Restricting the power a single person has
    - Clean desk
      - A clean desk policy can be an import tool to ensure that all sensitive/confidential materials removed from an end user workspace and locked away
      - <http://bit.ly/2oYBqFi>
    - Background checks
      - Part of the employment screening process
      - Often performed when the candidate is seeking a position of trust or high degree of security
    - Exit interviews
      - These are performed as an employee is leaving an organization
      - Gives the organization a chance to understand the reasons (constructive feedback)
      - Allows the employee the change to leave on a good note
    - Role-based awareness training
      - Data owner
        - Defining the information
        - Assigning value to the data
        - Defining the level of protection
        - Deciding who should have access
      - System administrator
        - Understanding secure system configuration
        - Protection of information
        - Understanding of industry-standards

- System owner
  - Best practices
- User
  - Computer security basics
  - Policies and Procedures
- Privileged user
- Executive user
  - Management
  - Compliance
  - Development of policies
  - Risk-factors
- NDA
- Onboarding
- Continuing education
  - Reduces the number of security breaches as it promotes awareness
  - Security training needs to adapt new technologies and trends
  - Promotes continued participation
  - SETA (Security, Education, Training and Awareness)
  - Helps to promote employee awareness and competency
- Acceptable use policy/rules of behavior
- Adverse actions
  - General security policies
  - Social media networks/applications
  - Personal email