**Understanding CISO and its roles and responsibilities**

CISO, or Chief information security officer, is a senior-level executive who is responsible to develop and implement an information security program. This includes procedures and policies that are designed to protect communications, systems, and assets from both internal and external threats and malicious activities.

The chief information security officer is also referred to as the chief security architect, the security manager, the corporate security officer, or the information security manager. This depends on the company's structure and existing titles. The officer is also responsible for the overall corporate security and stability of the organization which includes all of its employees and facilities.

**Roles of CISO**

The Chief Information Security Officer has a lot of roles to play. These are explained as follows.

**1. Implementing the cyber security program of the firm**

One of the fundamental roles of a CISO within the organization is to provide proper guidance regarding the cybersecurity program on a high level. Along with guidance, it is a CISO’s further lookout to make sure organizations remain compliant and cooperative with cybersecurity standards and policy.

**2. Alignment of cybersecurity and business goals**

The role of a CISO is to ensure that the objectives of the firm's cybersecurity program are coherent with the goals of the organization. One key function of this role is to make sure that clear communication between security personnel and key stakeholders is exchanged.

**3. Cybersecurity reports**

CISOs play a crucial role in providing business leaders with intelligence on key cybersecurity trends and ideas. For example, providing the director boards or senior executives with information like the security risk profile of the organization, any cybersecurity improvements which can be done, etc.

**4. Incident response action monitoring**

Another fundamental role a CISO plays is during a security incident. It is the CISO’s responsibility to see the genuineness of the internal teams in handling a cybersecurity incident when identified. In case of emergency, a CISO is expected to come forward and manage incident response.

**5.Management of business continuity**

The role of the CISO is to Implement existing business continuity and disaster recovery plans. Security incidents can have various effects on a firm’s well-being.

**Responsibilities of CISO**

There are varied responsibilities of CISO. Some of them are enlisted down below.

1. CISO must ensure that before NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued to any employee, who has resigned or has been terminated or is leaving the organization, for any reason whatsoever, all equipment has been taken back from them and all his accounts either have been deleted or their passwords reset.

2. CISO should maintain an information and communication technology (ICT) as a set register which should contain the details of the asset, its owner and its security classification, etc.

3. CISO is responsible for increasing the overall awareness of the importance and significance of information security within the organization. Cyber threats and cyber crimes are constantly evolving with criminals adopting trending and unique ways to trick employees. Thus, it is CISO’s responsibility to make sure that everyone within the network of the organization is well informed about the latest cyber threats.

4. It is also the responsibility of a CISO to use the allocated budget for an organization's cybersecurity program efficiently and effectively. A CISO can help an organization make decisions when it comes to investing in cybersecurity smartly.

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6. There is a genuine risk to an organization’s information security via the suppliers the organization works with. A CISO can also help to make sure that consistent and proper vendor management processes are in place to mitigate the information security risks.

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