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Solution Brief

Virtual CISO (vCISO) and CISO Advisory Services

Highlights

- Receive hands-on guidance from cybersecurity leaders with 10+ years of direct experience
- Maintain daily security program momentum and reprioritize initiatives while searching for a permanent executive resource
- Advance and implement your security strategy based on frontline expertise and unique organizational threat profile
- Customize security program plans and investments based on your organization's specific threat profile
- Initiate an effective risk management program based on actual threats uncovered in your environment during thorough assessments
- Manage and mitigate security incidents to your organization with confidence, alongside a well-trained staff
- Provide continuous advisory to new or less experienced CISO on staff

Fill gaps and enhance program effectiveness with expert guidance for cybersecurity leaders

Organizations need strong security leadership. Many struggle to understand cyber risks and vulnerabilities to their specific environment, develop a security program to mitigate those risks, and in turn implement effective security controls. In some cases, temporary assistance is needed to fill an empty, critical role while the search for a permanent leader ensues.

That's why it's important for organizations to lean on cybersecurity experts who can help seasoned and new CISOs bolster their capabilities and ensure mission success—to fulfill high priority projects and breach management initiatives that ultimately create a resilient cybersecurity program.

Mandiant works with global cybersecurity and business leaders across all industries and organizations of all sizes, to advise them on incident readiness, response, and remediation. Experts with prior CISO experience enrich communications with executive team members and Board of Directors (BOD) to show progress or justify their cybersecurity program strategy to achieve overall business objectives.

Every business is unique and Mandiant provides customized plans to meet the needs of each CISO and their organization. Examples of Virtual CISO (vCISO) and CISO Advisory activities that Mandiant has performed for executives include:

Fill temporary gaps in security leadership

- Manage your existing day-to-day cybersecurity program and identify people, process and technology stack weaknesses
- Evaluate your organization's cyber incident response and crisis communications plans from an executive viewpoint

- Partner with your CIO and other business line leaders to review and update the overall cybersecurity strategy
- Prioritize and accelerate in-flight security team initiatives and action plans
- Prime executives and BOD members for cybersecurity imperatives to help improve risk mitigation efforts and drive security investments
- Assist with recruitment and on-boarding of the new CISO

Provide CISO advisory to uplevel capabilities

- Realize the most critical security program capabilities you can achieve immediately and what it takes to get there
- Educate and inform business stakeholders on the latest attack trends and potential incoming threats
- Initiate an effective cybersecurity risk management program mapped to current projects and update future priorities based on specific risks to the organization
- Implement best practice improvement roadmaps to effectively manage major security incidents

Increase resiliency through security team design and management

- Assess security team capabilities and update roles and responsibilities to fit the needs of the overall security program
- Build and deliver training briefings to upskill specific function needs
- Establish security standards, processes and procedures to reduce security risks in partnership with business owners and Information Technology
- Conduct recurring meetings with team resources to continuously drive key milestones and fill skills gaps