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# Using Information Security and Privacy Metrics Effectively

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# Agenda



**Why we gather metrics**



**Qualities that make good metrics**



**Drivers behind metric gathering**



**Cyber Security program**



**Privacy program**

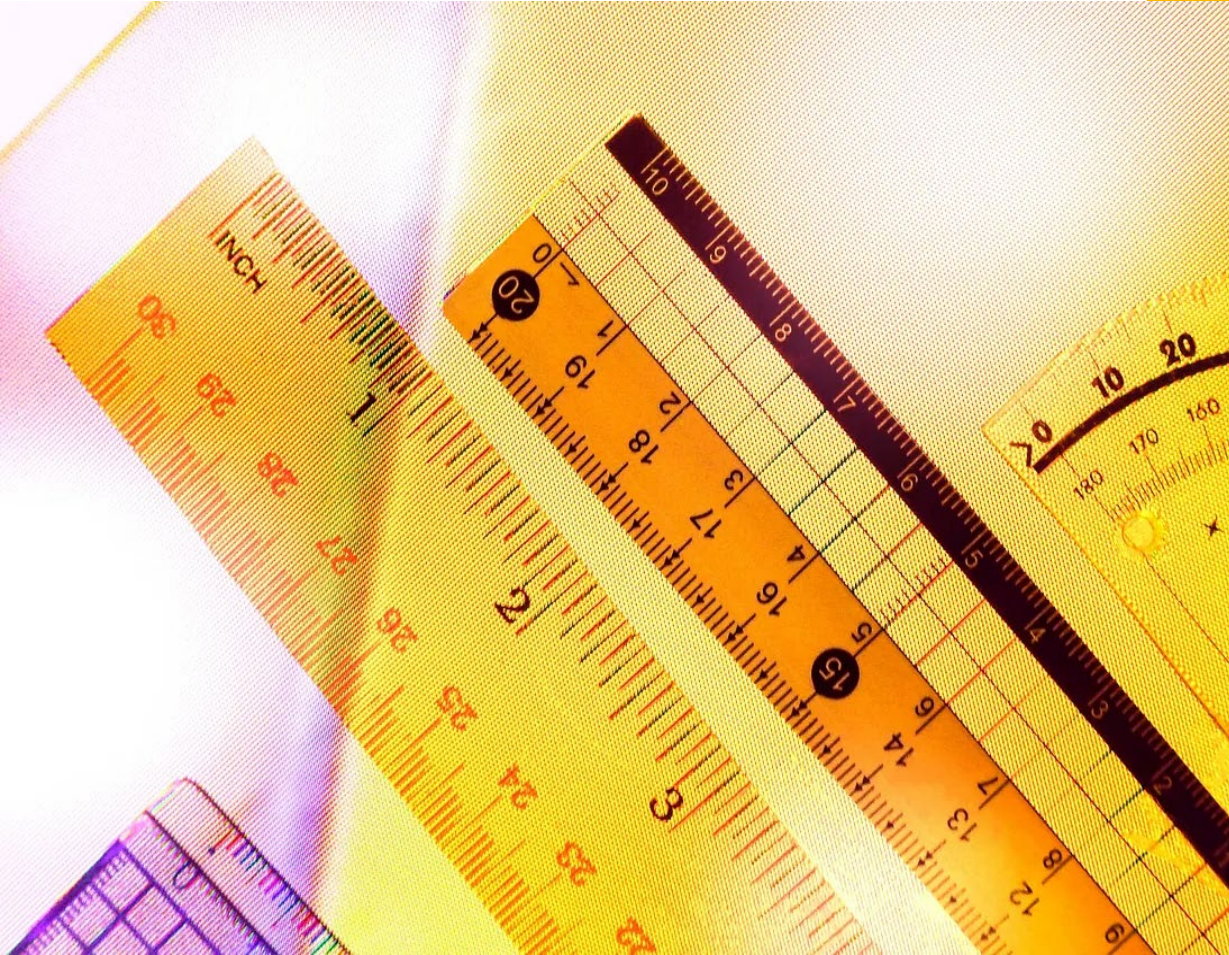


**Conclusion**

# Why Program Metrics?

“Measurement is the first step that leads to control and eventually to improvement. If you can’t measure something, you can’t understand it. If you can’t understand it, you can’t control it.”

# Qualities of Good Metrics:



- Relevant
- Measurable
- Actionable
- Reliable
- Inexpensive
- Clearly defined

# The Audience

Different metrics resonate differently depending on the audience:

Stakeholders	Nature of Metric	Purpose of Reporting Metrics
<b>Executives (CEO/ Board of Directors)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level description of risk and program maturity</li> <li>• Material Incidents</li> </ul> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg); font-size: 1.2em;">ILLUSTRATIVE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure buy in/support</li> <li>• Proper allocation of staff/resources to risks</li> <li>• Report on risk/impact on bottom line</li> <li>• Report on program maturity/status/progress</li> </ul>
<b>Senior Leadership (GC, CIO, CISO, CITO, CDO, CMO, CRO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-depth review of risk</li> <li>• Impact of risk-based approaches</li> <li>• Incident numbers and trends</li> <li>• Program Implementation progress/spend</li> <li>• High-level benchmarking results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure buy in/support and executive oversight</li> <li>• Risk acceptance/decisions</li> <li>• Triage priorities</li> <li>• Control effectiveness and maturity</li> <li>• Ensure support in gathering data</li> </ul>

# ISO Compliance

**ISO 27001 ISM**  
(Information Security Management)

**ISO 27701 PIMS**  
(Privacy Information Management System)

ISO 27001 clause 6.2



ISO 27701 clause 5.4.2

**Must develop information security and privacy objectives that are measurable.**



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# Cyber Security Program Metrics

# Key Drivers - WHY



**Statutory & Regulatory Obligations**

**Alignment With Business Strategy**

**Understanding Threat Landscape**

**Cyber Risk & Cyber Insurance**



# Challenges



- Incomplete data
- Outdated data
- Biased data

# Cyber Security Metrics - WHAT

**Training & Awareness**

**Vulnerability & Patch Management**

**Endpoint Security**

**Business Continuity Management**

- Security Incident Management
- Disaster Recovery

**IT Risk, Audit & Compliance**

**Peer Review**

# Cyber Security Metrics - HOW

**Metrics are a means to an action to drive Cyber Security Program Maturity**

- **Target Audience**
- **S.M.A.R.T.**
- **Ensure quality & validity**
- **Standardize data collection**

# Map Cyber Security Goals & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Category	Security Goal	KPI	Metrics
Training & Awareness	Implement a training & awareness program	% of staff trained biannually	% of trained staff per department
Vulnerability & Patch Management	Improve deployment time for patches on critical servers	% of critical patches fully deployed within target window as per Standard	% critical patch deployment on critical servers
End Point Security Compliance	Implement endpoint security solution on all desktops	% of desktops & servers with endpoint protection	% of endpoints missing
Business Continuity	Test Business Continuity Plans once a year	% of critical business units having defined RTOs/ RPOs	# of units completed tabletop exercise per year
	Improve incident remediation time	Mean time to remediate per incident type (#)	% deviation from target time
	Improve DR capabilities & preparedness of DR response team	% completeness of plan	DRP Test frequency (#)
IT Risk Audit & Compliance	Improve IT Risk Management	% of projects with a completed STRA	# of signed off SOARs Total # non-conformity audit findings

# Sample Cyber Metrics 1/3

## Training & Awareness

- Training & Awareness Program coverage (%)
- Periodic Phishing Campaigns statistics (% click rate)

## Vulnerability & Patch Management

- Average vulnerability age (#)
- Identified, patched vulnerabilities by severity & system criticality (#)
- Identified unpatched vulnerabilities by severity & system criticality (#)

# Sample Cyber Metrics 2/3

## Endpoint Security

- # Threats detected over period of time
- % # Threats resolved
- % # Endpoints missing endpoint protection

## IT Risk, Audit & Compliance

- # signed SOARs (Statement of Acceptable Risk)
- # Security Policy/Standard Exceptions
- Total # non-conformity audit findings
- # critical & high audit findings currently outstanding

# Sample Cyber Metrics 3/3

## Security Incident Management

- MTTD (Mean Time to Detect)
- MTTR (Meantime to Remediate /Recover)
- Average # /type/severity of incidents over time
- % of incidents closed within SLA (Service Level Agreements)

## Disaster Recovery

- Average time taken to recover critical business process
- Difference between actual & target recovery time
- % completeness of the plan



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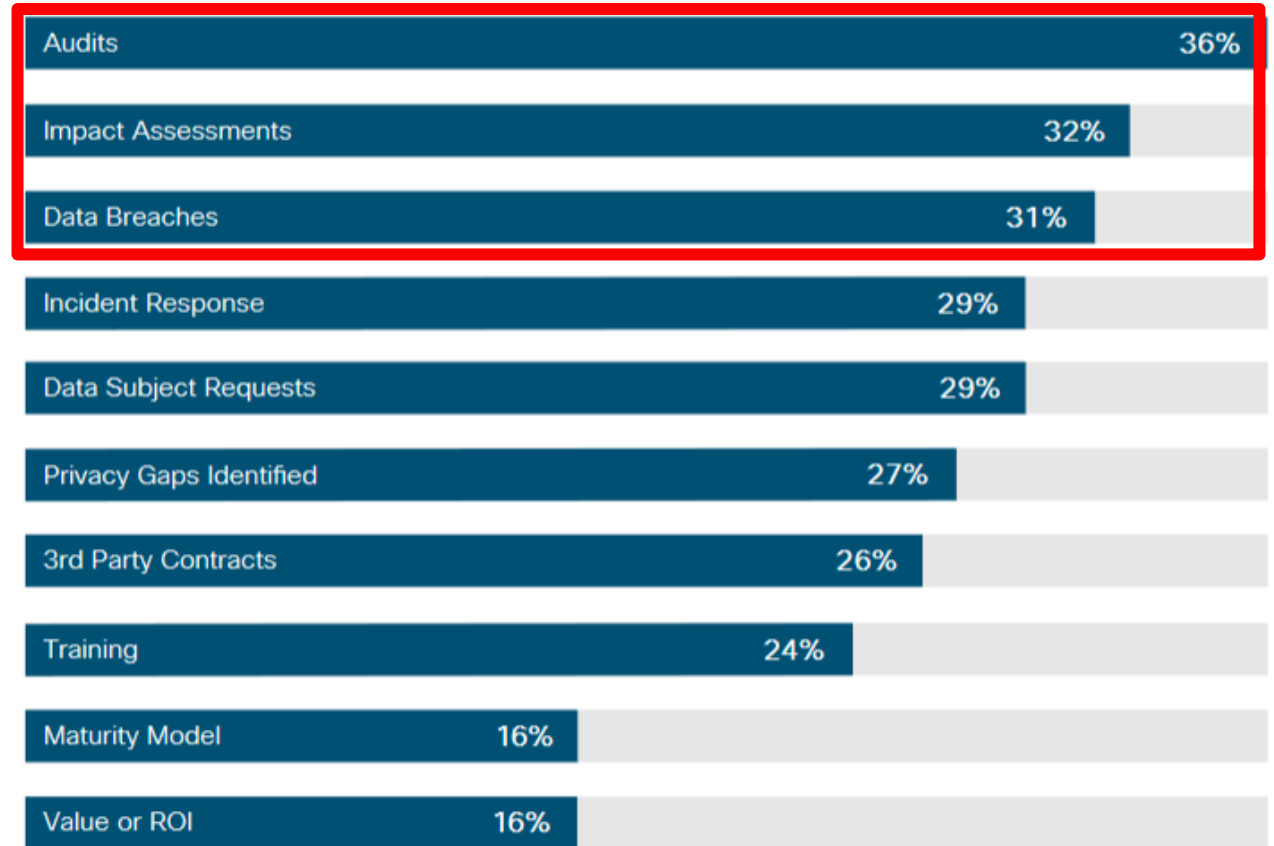
# Privacy Program Metrics



# Cisco 2021 Data Privacy Benchmark Study

93 % of organizations are reporting privacy metrics to Snr management/ Boards

Figure 15. Privacy Metrics Reported to Board of Directors (N=4446)



Source: Cisco Data Privacy Benchmark Study - 2021

# Compliance – One Driver for Metrics

2021

*BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*  
Amended

## **Mandatory requirements**

- Privacy Management Program
- Privacy Breach Reporting

2023

# Privacy Management Program (PMP)

A PMP ensures that privacy is built into all initiatives, programs, or services by design.

## Mandatory components include:

- Education and awareness
- Policies
- Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs)
- Implementation of privacy breach reporting processes
- A process for monitoring & updating PMP to ensure it remains FIPPA compliant

# PMP - Reporting Expectations

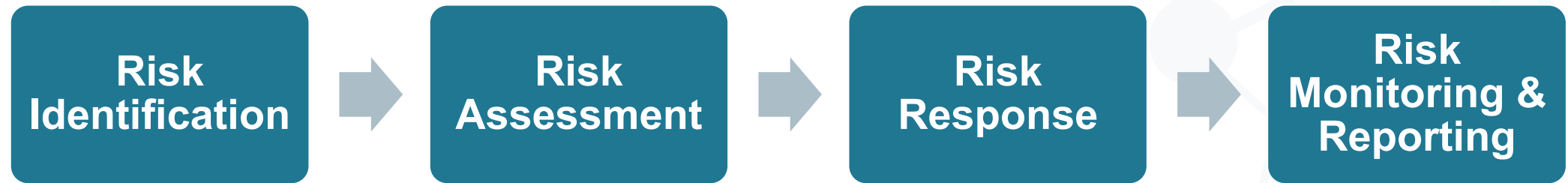
- Regular reports to executive on progress & identifiable risk and compliance issues.
- Final report of all findings to executive with full mapping against FIPPA requirements

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# Tools

- Spreadsheets
- Privacy Risk Register

Tool to track & manage all privacy risks information in one place:  
(PIAs, Privacy Breaches, other privacy concerns identified...)



- Compliments Cyber Security Risk Register
- Linked to Enterprise Risk Register
- Supports reporting requirements

# PMP - Training & Awareness

- **Privacy Awareness Training - Intro & Advanced/customized**
- **Privacy Education**

**Collection** – Ongoing  
**Reporting** – Annual



# Training/education sessions offered



# attendees (in person/online)



% employees completed basic training/ Advanced training



# educational materials created (BCIT News/intranet/web pages...)

# PMP - Accountability

- **Policies & procedures**
- **Privacy Notices (students, employees, alumni)**
- **Advisory**
  - **Collection** – Ongoing
  - **Reporting** – Annual



# Policies/procedures/ Date updated



# notices provided/ % by type of notice (survey/intake form...)



School/business area requesting advice



# technologies/business models advised on

# PMP - Privacy Impact Assessments

## What is a PIA?

PIAs - a risk management & compliance review process used to identify & address potential privacy & information security issues.

## Legislated

FIPPA now requires public bodies to conduct a PIA for all new or substantially modified initiatives that involve personal information.

An initiative refers to a system, project, program, or activity that supports BCIT business.

Projects are reviewed & risk is assessed in partnership with Cyber Security



# Privacy Impact Assessments

PIAs use a risk matrix scale for impact & likelihood ratings  
 - which then calculate privacy & Information security risk scores.

		Potential Consequences					
		L6	L5	L4	L3	L2	
		Minor injuries or discomfort. No medical treatment or measurable physical effects	Injuries or illness requiring medical treatment. Temporary impairment.	Injuries or illness requiring hospital admission.	Injury or illness resulting in permanent impairment.	Fatality	
		Not Significant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	
Likelihood	Expected to occur regularly under normal circumstances	Almost Certain	Medium	High	Very High	Very High	Very High
	Expected to occur at some time	Likely	Medium	High	High	Very High	Very High
	May occur at some time	Possible	Low	Medium	High	High	Very High
	Not likely to occur in normal circumstances	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
	Could happen, but probably never will	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

KPI Name	KPI Goal	KPI Measure	KPI Formula
<b>Risk Mitigation Completion Rate</b>	To measure the success rate in deploying & executing the identified risk action treatment plan	% of risk mitigation plan completed on target date	$(\text{Total \# of risk mitigations deployed} - (\text{risk mitigations delayed} + \text{on hold})) / \text{Total \# of risk mitigations deployed} * 100$
<b>Risk Mitigation (Privacy Training) Completion Rate</b>	To measure the success rate in completion of privacy trainings	% of privacy trainings completed	$\text{Total \# of privacy trainings completed (trainings identified as risk mitigations in PIA)} / \text{total \# of privacy trainings deployed as risk mitigations in a PIA} * 100$

## Privacy Risk Register

- Tracks **Moderate** or **High** risks identified in PIA & the mitigation strategies
  - Shifts in risk scoring are recorded.



# PMP - Mandatory Privacy Breach Notification & Reporting

Public bodies **must** notify an affected individual and the OIPC if a privacy breach could reasonably be expected to result in **significant harm** to an individual.

## Privacy Risk Register

- ALL privacy breaches recorded & tracked & risk scores calculated
  - Risk score supports & documents decision to notify/not notify OIPC & affected individual.



# BCIT Privacy Incident/Breach Metrics

**Collection** – Ongoing  
**Reporting** – Annual

- # incidents.
- # of confirmed privacy breaches.
  - % of privacy breaches by cause.
  - % privacy breaches by risk rating (Minor/Moderate/Severe).
- # affected individuals by group (students/employees/alumni)
- # breaches with notification to OIPC & affected individuals.
- % privacy complaints (resolved/ submitted to OIPC)



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# Conclusion

# Benefits of Effective Metrics

- **Meet compliance requirements**
- **Informed decisions**
- **Manage risk**
- **Improve program maturity & performance**

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