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PHYSICAL PROTECTION

Lock the Building, Protect the Mission.

Hackers don't need fancy exploits if they can just walk in the front door or tailgate behind someone who holds it open. One stolen laptop, unlocked server room, or unlogged visitor can bypass every technical control you've paid for. The Physical Protection family makes sure doors, keys, cameras, and workspaces close those gaps so your building isn't your biggest vulnerability.

Proof of Practice

Examples

- ✓ **Facility & Room Access Lists**
Documented lists of who has keys, badges, or codes to buildings, server rooms, and CUI storage areas, reviewed regularly and updated when people change roles.
- ✓ **Physical Security Policy**
A written policy that explains how you control building access, protect equipment, manage visitors, and secure areas where CUI and key systems are located.
- ✓ **Visitor Logs**
Logs (paper or digital) that show who entered, when, who they saw, and when they left.






The Business Impact

If someone can just walk into your office, plug in a USB drive, or walk out with a laptop, they can skip every cyber control you've put in place. Physical Protection turns "propped doors" and "borrowed badges" into controlled, documented processes that keep CUI and contracts safe.

Available Resources

-  **CISA Physical Security Hub**
<https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security>
-  **RiskWatch Free Physical Security Checklist**
<https://riskwatch.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Free-Physical-Security-Checklist.pdf>
-  **Kisi: Ultimate Guide to Physical Security**
<https://technologywest.io/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Kisi-Ultimate-Guide-to-Physical-Security.pdf>
-  **Envoy: Visitor Management Software**
<https://envoy.com/products/visitors>
-  **Ubiquiti Physical Security Solutions**
<https://ui.com/physical-security>

Quick Wins

-  1. Publish a Physical Security Policy
-  2. Secure IT server closets and CUI file rooms
-  3. Start a simple visitor sign-in process
-  4. Validate locks and cameras at all exits
-  5. Create a daily "last to leave" lockup checklist