



Security

What should you be doing about security? You've heard the news and you know the threats. You either have an in-house IT Staff or an IT Consulting Firm, so you must have a security plan in place, but what is it? How does it help you? The details of any plan can be debated, but at its core a solid security and event response plan are made up of Security Controls.

Security controls are safeguards or countermeasures to avoid, detect, counteract, or minimize security risks to physical property, information, computer systems, or other assets. Controls help to reduce the risk of damage or loss by stopping, deterring, or slowing down an attack against an asset.

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| Top | 10 | Security | Controls* |
| 1.Patch Management | -- both OS and applications | (including Adobe, Java) | |
| 2.Desktop/Server | | | Antivirus |
| 3.Firewall | | | Management |
| 4.Centralized Authentication | -- Active Directory/LDAP | | integration |
| 5.Intrusion Prevention System | (network: NIPS/ host-based: HIPS) | | |
| 6.Web Proxy/Web | Content | | Filter |
| 7.Email | | | Anti-spam/Anti-phishing |
| 8.Vulnerability | | | Scanning |
| 9.Optional Security Tools (Wireless IPS, Web Application Firewalls, Database Application Monitors) | | | |
| 10.Depending on priority: SIEM, Data Loss Prevention or Governance, Risk Management and Compliance | | | tools |

*source Accuvant

Organizations have to be able to monitor and respond to events. A prevention and an incident response plan should be in place. The pros and cons of various security solutions, where they differ, and why can sound challenging. Ask us what we are doing and what we can do to help you incorporate a solid security plan for your business.



Chicago - Hard Rock Cafe Chicago (63 W Ontario) is kicking off the holiday season with a traditional Thanksgiving Day prix fixe menu available from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Thursday, November 26. Don't forget to bring a camera! Children of all ages are invited to take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus at a free Meet N' Greet, taking place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the café.

Joliet - Light Up the Holidays Festival and Parade

Hours: Nov. 27, 2014. Check website for schedule of events Admission: Free. There will be family activities at several locations including a tree lighting ceremony, parade, museum free day, ice carving, craft activities and musical performances. Visit website for a complete list of events.

Crystal Lake - 2015 Festival of Lights Parade Friday, November 27, 2015 at 7PM "We are very excited to see some of the new and interesting entries. We guarantee the parade will surely be a "sight to see!"

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