Working in secure areas

ISO 27002 Control 7.6

Control

Security measures for working in secure areas should be designed and implemented

Purpose

To protect information and other associated assets in secure areas from damage and unauthorized interference by personnel working in these areas





Why is it important?

- Secure areas contain sensitive assets, and protection must extend to damage and unauthorized interference from authorized personnel
- Avoiding unsupervised work reduces the chances for malicious activities and ensures personnel safety

What should we do?

- Design and implement security measures applicable to all activities in the secure area
- Restrict knowledge of the secure area's existence or activities to a need-to-know basis
- Prohibit recording equipment (unless authorized) and control endpoint device usage
- Ensure vacant secure areas are physically locked and periodically inspected





What could go wrong?

- Unauthorized recording of confidential information
- Intentional or unintentional damage to assets by personnel
- Malicious activities occurring during unsupervised work
- Exposure of emergency procedures if not posted visibly

Link with other frameworks

- NIST 800-53 rev5 SC-42*
- NIST CSF 2.0 : NA

