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# Security Barometer: What in Your Organization is Putting Your Continued Employment at Greatest Risk?

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The Security Executive Council regularly conducts Security Barometer quick polls of its Tier 1 Leader and online communities to take a snapshot of security practitioners' opinions on specific security issues. In 2010, security leaders responded to the question "What in your organization is putting your continued employment at greatest risk?"

Overall, the results demonstrate that the risks to continued employment that security and risk management executives face are as diverse as the organizations they represent. These risks are largely determined by the state of your organization's perception of the need for security and its unique culture, or what we call "organizational readiness."

The results encourage an honest assessment of management expectations and the security organization's ability to adapt and, if needed, advance change.

These findings are consistent with what the Security Executive Council has witnessed since its launch. Below are a sample of programs the Security Executive Council has offered that directly address the risks identified in this survey.

**Merger or acquisition**

- M&A Optimization for Security
- Strategic Planning Process

**Inability to get necessary leadership buy-in or support for a security program**

- Security Organization: Staffing, Roles and Responsibilities, and Reporting Levels
- Enterprise / Security Risk Alignment
- Security Metrics: Data Discovery Process and Application

**Difficulty in demonstrating the value security / risk management brings to the organization**

- Security Revenue Enhancement
- Security Metrics: Data Discovery Process and Application
- Security 2020™

**Not sufficiently demonstrating awareness of emerging trends**

- Strategic Planning Process
- Emerging Risks Program
- Business Intelligence Security Integration

**Security program failure or risk management program that does not meet expectations**

- Risk - Threat - Vulnerability 360
- Enterprise / Security Risk Assessment
- Security Leadership / Program Essentials
- Operational Security Value Optimization

**An unknown, un-planned for, or missed risk / security issue**

- Unified Risk Oversight™
- Risk - Threat - Vulnerability 360

- Enterprise / Security Risk Assessment

**Change in corporate leadership**

- Security Metrics: Data Discovery Process and Application
- Strategic Planning Process
- Security Organization: Staffing, Roles and Responsibilities, and Reporting Levels

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## About the Security Executive Council

The SEC is the leading research and advisory firm focused on corporate security risk mitigation solutions. Having worked with hundreds of companies and organizations we have witnessed the proven practices that produce the most positive transformation. Our subject matter experts have deep expertise in all aspects of security risk mitigation strategy; they collaborate with security leaders to transform security programs into more capable and valued centers of excellence. Watch our [3-minute video](#) to learn more.

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