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CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals (CPG) v1.0

CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals provide voluntary objectives to prioritize essential cybersecurity practices and reduce organizational cyber risk.

What it is

At a glance

PUBLISHER Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)	TYPE Framework	VERSION CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals (2022)
EFFECTIVE June 2024	DOMAIN Cybersecurity	FAMILY Other
REGION United States	ADOPTION MODEL Security Baseline	IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY Low

Source: https://www.cisa.gov/cross-sector-cybersecurity-performance-goals

Why it matters

- **Strengthen cybersecurity governance** Enable organizations to establish clear security objectives, roles, and priorities that enhance program accountability and strategic direction.
- **Enhance operational resilience** Reduce the likelihood and impact of cyber incidents by establishing reliable baseline controls for critical assets and services.
- **Improve regulatory and standards alignment** Facilitate alignment with industry-recognized frameworks and support ongoing compliance with regulatory and contractual cybersecurity obligations.
- **Support continuous risk management** Encourage regular risk assessments and progress reviews to adapt controls based on evolving threats and organizational needs.

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How SmartSuite supports CISA CPG

Baseline Goal Library

Organize CPG objectives with owners, scope, and implementation status.

Gap Assessment and Prioritization

Assess current posture against goals and prioritize the highest-impact gaps.

Gap-to-Project Conversion

Convert gaps into projects and tasks with deadlines, owners, and clear accountability.

Evidence and Verification

Attach proof (policies, configs, scan results) to each goal for audit-ready traceability.

Recurring Security Hygiene Checks

Schedule recurring checks for patching, access, backups, and logging to prevent drift.

Executive Reporting

Report goal coverage, open gaps, and progress by function, team, and asset group.

Common framework mappings

CIS Controls v8.1 | ISO 27001:2022 | MITRE ATT&CK | NIST CSF 2.0 | NIST 800-171 Rev. 3 | NIST 800-207 ZTA | NIST 800-53 Rev.5 | SOC 2

Official resources

CISA Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals

Provides a comprehensive set of voluntary goals to enhance national cybersecurity resilience.

cisa.gov/cross-sector-cybersecurity-performance-goals

CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals Implementation Guidance

Offers detailed guidance on integrating performance goals within organizational cybersecurity strategies.

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CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals Overview

Outlines the objectives and core areas covered by the CPGs.

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Frequently asked questions

What is the CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals (CPG) framework used for?

The CISA CPG framework is designed to help organizations prioritize and implement essential cybersecurity practices that reduce risk from common threats and cyber incidents. It serves as a baseline for building or enhancing an organization's cybersecurity posture, particularly within critical infrastructure sectors and both public and private organizations.

Are CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals mandatory or certifiable?

CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals are voluntary and not part of a formal certification process. While they are not required by law, implementing the CPGs is highly recommended and can support regulatory compliance by aligning with recognized cybersecurity best practices.

Who should use the CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals framework?

The CISA CPGs are applicable to critical infrastructure operators, government entities, and private sector organizations of all sizes. The framework is especially relevant for organizations seeking to strengthen their baseline cybersecurity controls and align with federal guidance.

What are the key concepts or artifacts required by the CISA CPG framework?

Key concepts include performance goals structured around essential security controls, such as network defense, identity management, incident response, and supply chain risk management. Organizations should maintain documentation such as risk assessments, control implementation records, and ongoing progress monitoring artifacts.

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How does implementation of CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals work in practice?

Implementation involves assessing the organization’s current security posture, identifying gaps against CPG requirements, and integrating priority controls into existing cybersecurity programs. Regular reviews and progress tracking are essential for maintaining alignment with the goals.

How do CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals interact with other frameworks like NIST CSF or CIS Controls?

CISA CPGs are mapped to and complement other recognized frameworks such as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and CIS Controls. Organizations can use the CPGs alongside these standards to ensure comprehensive coverage of essential security controls while supporting overall risk management.

What are the ongoing compliance and monitoring requirements for CISA CPGs?

Ongoing compliance involves continuous monitoring of control effectiveness, periodic risk assessments, and updating cybersecurity practices in response to evolving threats. Regular documentation and review of progress against performance goals support regulatory audits and drive continual improvement.

How would SmartSuite support CISA Cybersecurity Performance Goals?

SmartSuite streamlines CPG adoption through pre-built control libraries, integrated risk registers, and evidence collection capabilities. It facilitates compliance tracking and remediation workflows, helps maintain audit readiness, and provides real-time reporting dashboards to monitor progress against CISA CPG implementation and regulatory requirements.

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Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/cisa-cybersecurity-performance-goals-cpg-v1-0