

# Tailgating and Physical Security

Cybersecurity is not just digital; it also relies on controlling physical access. If attackers can get inside your workplace, they may gain direct access to systems, devices, or sensitive documents.



## How Attacks Happen

### Unchallenged Visitors

An unknown person in a secure area may go unnoticed if employees assume they belong there. Attackers take advantage of trust and busy environments.

**Tip:** Challenge unknown individuals politely or alert security staff.



### Unreported Incidents

If tailgating or suspicious access is ignored, attackers may continue to exploit weaknesses. Early reporting can prevent larger breaches.

**Tip:** Report security concerns or breaches immediately.

### Following In

Tailgating occurs when someone slips in behind an employee who uses their badge, bypassing security checks. Once inside, attackers may attempt theft, install malware, or steal information.

**Tip:** Do not hold doors open for strangers, even if it feels polite.

### Lack of Identification

Employees who do not wear or display their ID badges make it harder to spot intruders. Without visible identification, attackers blend in more easily.

**Tip:** Always wear and display your ID badge in secure areas.