

The 7 Top Management Errors That Lead to Computer Security Vulnerabilities

As determined by 1,850 computer security experts and managers

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1. Assigning untrained people to maintain security and not providing the training or the time to make it possible to do the job.
2. Failing to understand the relationship of information security to the business problem - they understand physical security but do not see the consequences of poor information security.
3. Failing to deal with the operational aspects of security: make a few fixes and then not allow the follow through necessary to ensure the problems stay fixed.
4. Relying primarily on firewall.
5. Failing to realize how much money their information and organizational reputations are worth.
6. Authorizing reactive, short-term fixes so problems re-emerge rapidly.
7. Pretending the problem will go away if they ignore it.