



**24 EXCHANGE**

**INFORMATION SECURITY AND CYBER RISK POLICY**

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## **Introduction**

This policy defines:

- Information security objectives of 24 Exchange
- Roles and responsibilities
- Security guidelines and requirements for 24 Exchange information technology assets
- Security Awareness Training
- Authority & Access Control
- Data Support and Operations
- Disciplinary Actions

## **Information Security Objectives**

Create and strengthen all internal security controls and prevent unauthorized and improper access to data by securing and ensuring the appropriate protection of information technology assets and data. All policies aim to preserve the following:

- Confidentiality - Access to data shall be confined to those with the appropriate authority.
- Integrity - Information shall be complete and accurate. All systems, assets and networks shall operate correctly and according to specification.
- Availability - Information shall be available and delivered to the right person when it is needed.

## **Understanding Cybersecurity**

Cybersecurity risks are a real threat to all businesses, regardless of size or industry. Cybersecurity is treated as a strategic risk which is addressed at all levels of 24 Exchange, including Board level. Cyberattacks are frequently crimes of opportunity. The risk of a cybersecurity breach can be greatly reduced through the measures set out in this Policy.

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<sup>1</sup> Affiliates include 24 Exchange Bermuda Limited and 24 Exchange Broker Limited

Cybersecurity threats may come in the form of targeted cyberattacks on particular targets (such as distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks) or indiscriminate threats (such as phishing). They are carried out by a range of businesses and individuals, including:

- Organised crime networks seeking to profit from the unlawful use or sale of data.
- Hostile governments aiming to obtain defence secrets.
- Politically motivated hackers and groups whose mission is to reveal shortcomings in governments and private companies.

24 Exchange takes the three lines of defence approach as set out in this Policy: (i) first-line operational controls, (ii) second-line IT risk identification and management; and (iii) third-line independent cyber risk audit.

### **Regulatory Obligations**

24 Exchange and the Chief Information Security Officer are familiar with the Bermuda Virtual Currency (Cybersecurity) Rules 2018 and will annually file with the Bermuda Monetary Authority a written report prepared by the Chief Information Security Officer assessing—

- a. the availability, functionality and integrity of its electronic systems;
- b. identified cyber risk arising from any virtual currency business carried on or to be carried on, by the licensed undertaking; and
- c. the cyber security program implemented and proposals for steps for the redress of any inadequacies identified.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **President**

24 Exchange has a President who is also the Chief Information Security Officer of the company. President is responsible for enforcing all information security policies.

#### **CEO**

24 Exchange has a CEO who is responsible for making sure the Chief Information Security Officer is enforcing all policies.



### **Chief Information Security Officer**

The Chief Information Security Officer is responsible for ensuring security. The Chief Information Security Officer will:

- Create and manage departmental security policies
- Coordinate audits to make sure security policy is being enforced
- Coordinate 24 Exchange's incident response team
- Represent the department on the 24 Exchange Security Team
- Oversee data privacy compliance
- Communicate new or revised policies, procedures, and standards on behalf of the Security Team to all employees

### **Security Team**

The Security Team develops, updates, and approves security policies, related procedures, and related standards. During this process, the team considers the business needs and security concerns of 24 Exchange. The team also reviews any deviation from standards/policies and then approves or denies the exceptions.

### **All Employees**

All authorized users, staff members, employees, volunteers, and contractors who have access to 24 Exchange resources must:

- Read, understand, and follow all 24 Exchange policies relevant to their roles and responsibilities
- Help protect 24 Exchange data and resources from being shared or changed without permission

### **Security Guidelines and Requirements**

- All members of 24 Exchange must have access to the security policies, and procedures relevant to their roles and responsibilities.
- These policies, procedures, and standards must comply with and support applicable laws, regulations, and contracts.
- The Security Team must approve any exceptions to the minimum-security requirements and make sure compensating controls exist.



### **Security Awareness**

To make sure all users are familiar with security, Chief Information Security Officer must:

- Implement training on best practices in information security, common threats, reported incidents, and the secure use of information security assets
- Add security awareness to new employee orientation materials
- Supply 24 Exchange management with feedback on an employee's security awareness, which will be used in that employee's evaluation
- Review this program annually in order to update it for changes in technology and security needs

### **Authority & Access Control**

Authority and access control will be reviewed to ensure only the proper access is given to relevant parties. This includes access to:

- Information
- Information technology assets
- Systems
- Software
- Networks

### **Data Support and Operations**

By establishing the above guidelines in the Information Security Policy and following all other associated policies, 24 Exchange incorporates security by design into its data support and operations.

### **Audit**

24 Exchange has established audit trail systems that:

- a. track and maintain data which allows for the complete and accurate reconstruction of all financial transactions and accounting;
- b. protect the integrity of data stored and maintained as part of the audit trail from alteration or tampering;



- c. protect the integrity of hardware from alteration or tampering, including by limiting electronic and physical access permissions to hardware and maintaining logs of physical access to hardware that allows for event reconstruction;
- d. log system events including but not limited to access and alterations made to the audit trail systems;
- e. maintain records produced as part of the audit trail.

24 Exchange will engage a qualified independent party to audit its systems and provide a written opinion to the Bermuda Monetary Authority that the cyber security program is suitably designed and operating effectively to meet the requirements of the Virtual Currency (Cyber Security) Rules 2018.

### **Disciplinary Actions**

- Employees who don't follow all applicable policies may face disciplinary action, such as denial of access, legal penalties, and/or dismissal.
- Any employee aware of a violation of these policies must report it to a supervisor or other authorized representative who must in turn report to the Chief Information Security Officer.
- If employees or third parties want to be exempt from any part of this policy, they must first get permission (in writing) from the Chief Information Security Officer.

### **Sub Policy – 24 Exchange Data Classification and Access**

This policy defines 24 Exchange's data classification levels and Access. The levels determine who has permission to access 24 Exchange's data and under what conditions. This policy helps us because:

- When everyone classifies data appropriately, the Security Team will be able to protect it with the security measures that apply to that classification level.
- If you understand these data classification levels, you will know whether or not you have permission to read, share, change, or delete information.



When everyone has this common understanding and follows this policy, 24Exchange will be less likely to experience harmful data leaks.

### **Understand the Information Categories**

#### **What is Confidential Data?**

**Confidential** - Data needing the most limited access and which must maintain its integrity. This data will do the most damage to 24 Exchange if it is leaked or accessed without authorization.

#### **What is Internal Data?**

**Internal** - Data that is disclosed outside the company on a limited basis or contains information that could reduce 24 Exchange's competitive advantage

#### **What is Public Data?**

**Public** - All other information that does not clearly fit into any of the other classifications. Sharing public information without authorization should not seriously or negatively affect 24 Exchange. However, employees should still ask for permission from the Chief Information Security Officer before releasing public data.

### **Restrict Data Access Based on Its Category**

24 Exchange will protect all data to make sure that no one improperly discloses it, modifies it, deletes it, or makes it unavailable. 24 Exchange will:

- Start logs of who accesses data and when.
- Set up a process for employees to formally request access to systems or applications that handle 24 Exchange data.
- Make sure that the Chief Information Security Officer or the Security Team is responsible for approving or denying the Data Access requests.

### **Data Breach Reporting**

All Employees must report any data breaches irrespective of the level of Severity (defined in later sections) immediately to the Security team which will assess and report to the Chief Information Security Officer of any clients who may be impacted. Chief Information Officer will then initiate contacting the clients who may be at risk of any data breach.



## **Sub Policy – 24 Exchange Risk Assessment**

### **Introduction**

This policy specifies when to perform risk assessments of equipment, systems, and data systems. The policy also outlines who is responsible for this ongoing process of discovering, identifying, correcting, and preventing potential security problems. A strong Risk Assessment Policy helps 24 Exchange determine and resolve security weaknesses before someone exploits them.

### **Roles and Responsibilities Security**

#### **Team**

The Security Team member should be familiar with computer security and technology.

The team must:

Perform risk assessments on 24 Exchange equipment and systems.

- Run Penetration Testing of the electronic systems and vulnerability assessment of those systems at least on a quarterly basis.
- Develop, manage, communicate, and enforce a risk assessment framework.
- Promote good risk management strategies at 24 Exchange.

#### **Chief Information Security Officer**

The Chief Information Security Officer must keep up-to date on:

- Technology
- Security threats
- Mitigation methods

In the context of risk assessment, the Chief Information Security Officer:

- Makes sure that the Security Team performs risk assessments promptly.
- Has the authorization to shut a service down if it poses a serious security risk.
- Must keep up-to-date on technology, security threats, risk mitigation methods
- Ensures that a risk register identifying and tracking cyber risks is kept



### **All Employees**

All Employees must cooperate during risk assessments of any systems or equipment they're responsible for.

### **Responsible Parties**

After receiving the risk assessment report, the responsible parties must resolve any security issues it identifies.

### **When to Perform Risk Assessments**

Risk Assessments will be conducted annually, at the start of any major programs or within a month of a Severity 1 incident.

## **Sub Policy - 24 Exchange Incident Response**

### **Introduction**

This policy explains how 24 Exchange quickly resolves security incidents reported to The Security Team.

24 Exchange will follow this policy for all incidents, especially when an incident affects a critical system.

The Security Team or Chief Information Security Officer may allow exemptions to this policy, but it must be approved in writing.

### **Accept Incident Reports**

At least one member of the 24 Exchange Security Team must be available to initiate the incident response plan at any time of day or night.

Employees may receive incident reports in two ways:

1. Automated Security System Notifications
2. Email from the CEO, President or Chief Information Security Officer.

Employees must review the Incident Response Reporting Policy so that they can support personnel through the reporting process. The policy encourages employees to report any suspicious activity and reassures the reporters that it's better to report innocent activity than



to ignore a serious security breach.

Make sure that all incident reporters keep the incident confidential. The Security Team will coordinate all communications with external parties, such as clients, law enforcement, or the public.

### **Classify the Incident Severity**

The first step is to determine whether the security incident justifies a formal incident response. To determine the appropriate plan, classify the incident severity:

#### **Severity 3:**

- One instance of possible malicious activity

#### **Severity 2:**

- Any attempt to obtain unauthorized information or access
- Two **Severity 3** incidents
- Any incident involving Confidential or Sensitive data
- Any incident originating from an unauthorized *internal* system

#### **Severity 1:**

- A serious attempt to breach security
- An actual breach of security
- Two **Severity 2** incidents

See below for the full incident response plans for each threat level.

### **Follow the Incident Response Plan**

After identifying and classifying an incident, these procedures will be followed by Information Security team.

#### **Incident Response Summary:**

##### **Severity 3: Contain and Monitor**

24 Exchange team will contain the situation and monitor it to see whether there's an actual security threat.

### **Severity 2: Contain, Monitor, and Warn**

In addition to containing and monitoring the situation, security team will also need to notify management and affected parties.

### **Severity 3: Contain, Eradicate, Recover, and Perform Root Cause Analysis**

In addition to the Severity 3 and 2 steps, Security team will work to eradicate the threat, recover lost data where possible, and perform a root cause analysis.

See below for additional details pertaining to different types of security incidents.

### **Physical Security**

If the incident involves physical security, such as possible theft or unauthorized access:

#### **Severity 3 Incidents: Contain and Monitor**

- A member of the Security Team will review physical security checks, such as security footage and access logs, and make copies. Keep these copies in a different location from the originals.
- Inventory the secure location. Is anything missing/replaced? Is there something new present (e.g., suspicious USB key that could contain malware)?
- Try to determine whether a missing item has just been misplaced /logged incorrectly.
- Determine whether an intruder intended to access an area requiring authorization. i.e., Was this a communication error or a misunderstanding? If so, how did the intruder get through the physical security measures? Block that entry.

#### **Additional Step for Severity 2 Incidents: Warn**

- Let physical security or front desk personnel know about the situation so that they can be more aware of this type of unauthorized access.
- In the case of theft, you may begin to coordinate with law enforcement.
- Notify and keep management updated about the incident.
- Assess whether you should reclassify the incident.

#### **Additional Steps for Severity 1**

- *Eradicate*: Block the method of unauthorized entry.
- *Recover*: Determine what kind of damage has been done or could be done based on the physical security incident. If the secure location hosts backup drives or

servers, ensure they haven't been damaged in any way. If data has been lost, follow the Disaster Recovery/ BusinessContinuity procedures.

- *Perform Root Cause Analysis:* Do the security cameras have enough coverage of the facility? Does the visitor log work effectively? Should security guards increase their rounds in that area of the facility?

### **Network Security**

If the incident involves a possible or actual attacker on the network:

#### **Severity 3 Incidents: Contain and Monitor**

- Record as much information as you can about the intruder (e.g., IP address).
- Temporarily or permanently block the intruder's IP address from the network, if possible. Monitor the IP address or user for future attempts to access the network.
- Assess whether to reclassify the incident.

#### **Additional Step for Severity 2 Incidents: Warn**

- Ask 24 Exchange's Internet Service Provider (ISP) to collect any information possible related to the possible attack.
- Determine how the attacker accessed the network.
- Notify and keep management updated about the incident.
- Assess whether to reclassify the incident.

#### **Additional Steps for Severity 1 Incidents**

- *Eradicate:* Eliminate the intruder's means of access and any related vulnerabilities.
- *Recover:* Based on the intruder's actions, what are the potential risks or actual damage? Mitigate that damage as much as possible. For example, if files have been deleted or modified, replace them with files from the physical or cloud backups. If network passwords have been compromised, require all employees to change their passwords on their next login and consider a more robust password policy / mandatory password manager use. As well, you may use the Disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity procedures.
- *Perform Root Cause Analysis:* How did the hacker/intruder access the network? What techniques could prevent similar attacks in the future?



## **Code Errors Deployed to Client**

If a software bug is deployed to clients, it's important to make sure that code error won't cause any security incidents. Consequences could be: data loss, system outages, features failing to work, or interruptions in functionality.

### **Severity 3 Incidents: Contain and Monitor**

- Assess the code error to see whether or not it could cause a security incident or serious problem for the client.
- If the code error would not cause a security incident according to the assessment, fix the error and deploy the update when possible.
- If the code error might cause a security incident/breach, upgrade the incident to a Severity 2 immediately.

### **Severity 2 Incidents: Contain, Monitor, & Warn**

- If possible, revert the client's software to an earlier, secure, version.
- Rewrite and test the code.
- Deploy the new updates as soon as possible.
- Notify the clients using the deployed code and see whether any problems have occurred because of it. If any incident has occurred, reclassify the incident as Severity 1.
- Notify and keep 24 Exchange management updated about the incident.

### **Additional Steps for Severity 1 Incidents**

- *Eradicate:* Deploy the updated, tested code.
- *Recover:* Work with the involved companies to fix any problems that the code caused (e.g., network outages, security breaches).
- *Perform Root Cause Analysis:* What was the origin of the code error? Why wasn't the error discovered in the testing process? How should the testing process be changed given this experience?

## **Social Engineering**

### **Severity 3: Contain and Monitor**

- Get a copy of the possible phishing email/text message.

- Use a quarantined or isolated computer/network to test any links and attachments for malicious intent.
- Add the sender's email to company-wide spam filters.
- Blacklist the domain of suspicious links.

#### **Additional Step for Severity 2 Incidents: Warn**

- For phishing attempts, send company-wide email with screen shots of the email and a reminder of the signs of phishing.
- For spear phishing and whaling attempts, contact the management involved as well as their direct reports to warn them that they should verify requests in person where possible.
- Notify and keep 24 Exchange management updated about the incident.
- Assess whether to reclassify the incident as Severity 1.

#### **Additional Steps for Severity 1 Incidents**

- *Eradicate:* Require everyone involved to change their passwords according to the Password Policy. Make sure they have unique passwords.
- *Recover:* If information has been lost, use the available processes to recover.
- *Perform Root Cause Analysis:* How did the social engineer trick the involved parties? How can you improve security awareness training to prevent this type of attack? Did a whaling attack involve confidential or sensitive information about the client, company or an executive? If so, how might the attacker have accessed that information? Is a company email account/password compromised? Review the password policy to ensure it's robust enough, and consider mandating password managers and/or two-factor authentication.

### **Fraud**

#### **Severity 3: Contain and Monitor**

- Collect as much information you can about accounting discrepancies and store that information in multiple locations (online and offline).
- Check for alternates to fraud: e.g., typos, software error
- If you can't rule out fraud, escalate to a Severity 2 Incident.



### **Additional Step for Severity 2 Incidents: Warn**

- Determine who accessed the accounts or accounting files. Did everyone with access have permission? If it appears so, increase this to a Severity 1 incident (internal).
- If an external party appears responsible, try to determine the means of access.
  - \* For a network attacker, follow the “Network Attack” procedures.
  - \* If there was a physical security breach, follow the “Physical Security” procedures.
- Notify and keep management updated about the incident, and consider whether law enforcement or a forensic accountant should be involved.
- Assess whether you should reclassify the incident as Severity 1.

### **Additional Steps for Severity 1 Incidents**

- *Eradicate:* Destroy all unneeded data (physical or electronic).
- *Recover:* If the data has been lost, use the available processes to recover.
- *Root Cause Analysis:* How can you improve awareness training to prevent this type of fraud in the future? How might the attacker have accessed that information? Is the data unrecoverable?

### **Contain and Limit the Exposure: More Details**

Within 24 hours of a security compromise, thoroughly investigate any suspected or confirmed loss/theft of account information. In this process, you should:

- Keep a detailed log of who does what actions throughout the process. Make sure you save this log and any other evidence (e.g., electronic, video).
- Preferably, keep copies in multiple locations and multiple forms.
- Follow best practices for chain of custody throughout the investigation. Keep a clear paper trail of who has the evidence and/or equipment at all times.
- Work with legal and management to identify an appropriate forensic specialist for any required forensic investigations.
- If a system is compromised, make sure no one accesses or changes it.
- If a machine is compromised, make sure no one turns it off or closes any applications. Instead, isolate or quarantine the system from the network.



- If a wireless network is involved in the incident, change SSID on any access points and other machines that may be using this connection. Exception: any systems believed to be compromised

### **Perform a Root Cause Analysis & Debrief Affected Parties: More Details**

Within a week of the incident, meet as a team with the affected parties to perform a root cause analysis. In this meeting:

- Review the investigation's results
- Determine what allowed the security incident to happen (i.e., the root cause)
- Evaluate the incident response plan's effectiveness
- Review any related security controls to determine whether they are appropriate
- Use what you've learned to improve and update any relevant security measures, controls policies, and plans

If the investigation determines that an employee is a malicious actor, management and Human Resources should work together to address the issue appropriately, following all relevant policies and employment law.

### **Educate and Test All Employees**

To make sure everyone is prepared for security incidents, Chief Information Security Officer to provide incident response training regularly.

Chief Information Security Officer will plan a test incident at least once a year to ensure that everyone can implement the security incident plan and that the current plan is effective.

All 24 Exchange employees, consultants, advisors and directors are notified by email of this Policy and its location on 24 Exchange's servers.