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Cybersecurity Governance and Risk Management in Business Informatics Environments

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Abstract

The increasing dependence of organizations on digital technologies, cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, and interconnected information systems has significantly expanded the cybersecurity threat landscape. Business informatics environments, which integrate information technology with business processes for strategic decision-making, have become attractive targets for cybercriminals due to the critical nature of organizational data and digital assets. Consequently, effective cybersecurity governance and risk management have emerged as essential components of organizational resilience, regulatory compliance, and sustainable business performance. This study investigates cybersecurity governance frameworks and risk management practices within business informatics environments using a mixed-methods research approach. The study focuses on evaluating the influence of governance structures, organizational policies, employee cybersecurity awareness, technological controls, and risk assessment mechanisms on organizational cybersecurity performance. A comprehensive review of contemporary literature indicates that many organizations continue to experience cybersecurity incidents due to inadequate governance structures, weak risk management strategies, insufficient employee awareness, and limited executive commitment. The proposed study integrates internationally recognized cybersecurity governance frameworks, including the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, ISO/IEC 27001 Information Security Management System, COBIT 2019, and enterprise risk management principles, into a unified conceptual model for improving organizational cybersecurity maturity. The findings are expected to demonstrate that strong governance practices, proactive risk management, continuous employee training, and executive leadership significantly reduce cybersecurity risks while enhancing organizational resilience, regulatory compliance, and business continuity. The study contributes to the growing body of knowledge by proposing an integrated governance and risk management framework suitable for modern business informatics environments characterized by rapid digital transformation and increasingly sophisticated cyber threats.

Keywords: Cybersecurity Governance; Risk Management; Business Informatics; Information Security; Organizational Resilience

1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has transformed the way organizations conduct business, manage information, and interact with customers. Business informatics has emerged as a multidisciplinary field that integrates information technology, management science, business analytics, and organizational processes to enhance decision-making and operational efficiency (1). Modern organizations increasingly rely on enterprise resource planning (ERP), cloud computing, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain technologies, and digital communication platforms to support strategic business objectives. While these technologies have improved organizational productivity and competitiveness, they have simultaneously increased organizational exposure to sophisticated cyber threats (2).

The cybersecurity has become one of the most critical concerns for governments, businesses, healthcare institutions, educational organizations, and financial sectors worldwide. According to IOS (2022) (3), the global average cost of a data breach reached an unprecedented level, reflecting the increasing complexity and financial consequences of cyberattacks. Organizations are no longer confronted solely by external cybercriminals but also by insider threats, ransomware attacks, phishing campaigns, supply-chain vulnerabilities, advanced persistent threats (APTs), and artificial intelligence-enabled cyberattacks (4). The cybersecurity governance refers to the system by which organizations direct and control cybersecurity activities to achieve strategic objectives while managing cyber risks effectively (5). Effective governance aligns cybersecurity initiatives with organizational goals, establishes accountability structures, ensures regulatory compliance, and promotes informed decision-making among executives and stakeholders. Risk management complements governance by systematically identifying, assessing, mitigating, monitoring, and responding to cybersecurity risks that threaten organizational assets and operations (3).

Business informatics environments present unique cybersecurity challenges because they integrate diverse information systems, databases, cloud infrastructures, mobile applications, and business intelligence platforms. The interconnected nature of these systems increases attack surfaces, making organizations more vulnerable to cyber incidents (European Union Agency for cybersecurity (6). Consequently, organizations require comprehensive governance frameworks capable of balancing technological innovation with effective cybersecurity risk management. An international cybersecurity standard such as ISO/IEC 27001:2022, COBIT 2019, and the NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 provide structured guidance for developing cybersecurity governance and enterprise risk management strategies. However, the successful implementation of these frameworks depends on organizational culture, executive leadership, employee awareness, resource availability, and continuous monitoring (2).

Despite significant investments in cybersecurity technologies, cyber incidents continue to increase globally. This trend suggests that technological controls alone are insufficient without effective governance structures and organizational risk management practices (4). Therefore, understanding the relationship between cybersecurity governance and organizational risk management has become increasingly important for ensuring business continuity and digital resilience. This study seeks to examine cybersecurity governance and risk management practices in business informatics environments and proposes an integrated governance framework capable of enhancing organizational cybersecurity maturity and resilience.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Business Informatics and Digital Transformation

Business informatics combines information technology, management science, economics, and organizational behavior to optimize business processes through digital technologies (7). Digital transformation has accelerated organizational dependence on interconnected information systems, cloud services, artificial intelligence, machine learning, enterprise applications, and Internet of Things devices. Although these technologies improve operational efficiency, they simultaneously increase cybersecurity risks by expanding organizational attack surfaces (8). Recent studies indicate that organizations

undergoing digital transformation often prioritize technological innovation over cybersecurity governance, creating significant vulnerabilities that cybercriminals exploit (9). Consequently, cybersecurity governance must evolve alongside digital transformation initiatives (10).

2.2 Cybersecurity Governance

Cybersecurity governance represents the strategic oversight of cybersecurity activities to ensure that organizational objectives, regulatory requirements, and stakeholder expectations are achieved (11). Governance establishes policies, defines responsibilities, allocates resources, measures cybersecurity performance, and ensures executive accountability. According to the COBIT 2019 framework, cybersecurity governance should integrate business objectives with information security strategies while ensuring continuous monitoring and performance evaluation (12). Similarly, the NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0 emphasizes governance as one of the core functions necessary for managing cybersecurity risks effectively (13). The Strong governance structures promote an executive commitment, policy enforcement, risk ownership, regulatory compliance, business continuity and strategic cybersecurity investments (14).

2.3 Cybersecurity Risk Management

The Cybersecurity risk management involves identifying, assessing, prioritizing, mitigating, monitoring, and communicating cybersecurity risks throughout an organization (14).The ISO 31000 Risk Management Framework identifies several stages of organizational risk management such as risk identification, risk analysis, risk evaluation, risk treatment, monitoring and continuous improvement whereas the cybersecurity risks commonly include: Malware attacks, Ransomware, Insider threats, social engineering, Phishing, Cloud vulnerabilities, Third-party risks and Supply-chain attacks. And it was observed that organizations adopting proactive risk management strategies experience significantly lower cybersecurity losses than organizations employing reactive approaches (14).

2.4 Organizational Cybersecurity Culture

The employee behavior remains one of the most significant contributors to cybersecurity incidents. Human error accounts for a substantial proportion of successful cyberattacks, particularly phishing and social engineering attacks (15). The organizations that invest in continuous cybersecurity awareness training experience fewer successful attacks and stronger compliance with cybersecurity policies (16). Executive leadership also plays a crucial role in establishing a culture that prioritizes cybersecurity across all organizational levels.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

This study employed a mixed-methods research design, integrating quantitative and qualitative research approaches to comprehensively investigate cybersecurity governance and risk management practices within business informatics environments. The mixed-methods approach was selected because cybersecurity governance encompasses both measurable organizational factors and contextual issues that cannot be adequately understood using a single research method. The quantitative component enabled the measurement of relationships among cybersecurity governance, risk management practices, executive leadership, employee awareness, and organizational cybersecurity performance. Conversely, the qualitative component provided deeper insights into organizational experiences, governance structures, implementation challenges, and decision-making processes. The integration of quantitative and qualitative findings facilitated methodological triangulation, thereby improving the validity, credibility, and completeness of the study (17). The quantitative phase adopted a **cross-sectional survey design**, allowing data to be collected from respondents at a single point in time, while the qualitative phase involved semi-structured interviews and document analysis to obtain detailed information regarding cybersecurity governance implementation within selected organizations.

3.2 Study Population

The study population comprised professionals directly involved in information technology management, cybersecurity governance, enterprise risk management, and business informatics operations within

selected public and private organizations. Specifically, the target population included Information Technology (IT) managers, cybersecurity officers, business analysts, information systems administrators, network administrators, internal auditors, enterprise risk managers, and system users. These categories of respondents were selected because they possess practical knowledge and experience regarding organizational cybersecurity policies, governance structures, and risk management practices. The population consisted of 800 employees across the selected organizations. The sample size for the study was determined using the Yamane (1967) sample size determination formula for finite populations:

$$n = N/1+N(e)^2$$

Where n = required sample size, N = study population, e = level of precision (0.05).

Given a population of 800 respondents and a confidence level of 95%, the calculated sample size was approximately 267 respondents. To compensate for possible non-response and incomplete questionnaires, a total of 300 questionnaires were distributed. A stratified random sampling technique was also employed to ensure adequate representation of each professional category within the study population. The respondents were first categorized into four strata, namely IT managers, cybersecurity officers, business analysts, and system users. Thereafter, simple random sampling was applied within each stratum to select participants. This sampling approach minimized selection bias and improved the representativeness of the sample (18).

3.4 Data Collection Methods

The data for this study were collected using both primary and secondary sources to ensure methodological triangulation and enhance the robustness of the findings.

Structured Questionnaire

The primary quantitative data were collected using a structured questionnaire designed based on existing cybersecurity governance and risk management literature. The questionnaire consisted of two major sections. The first section obtained demographic information such as respondents' age, gender, educational qualification, organizational type, job position, and years of professional experience. The second section measured the study constructs, including cybersecurity governance, cybersecurity risk management, executive leadership commitment, employee cybersecurity awareness, technological security controls, and organizational cybersecurity performance. Responses were measured using a five-point Likert scale, ranging from **1** (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree). The questionnaire items were adapted from internationally recognized cybersecurity governance frameworks, including the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF 2.0), ISO/IEC 27001:2022, and COBIT 2019, with modifications to suit the objectives of the present study.

Semi-Structured Interviews

To complement the quantitative findings, semi-structured interviews were conducted with selected IT managers, chief information officers, cybersecurity officers, business analysts, and enterprise risk managers. The interviews explored participants' experiences concerning cybersecurity governance implementation, executive involvement, organizational cybersecurity culture, risk assessment practices, policy compliance, and emerging cybersecurity challenges. Each interview lasted approximately 30-45 minutes and was conducted either face-to-face or through secure online communication platforms. With participants' informed consent, interviews were audio-recorded and subsequently transcribed verbatim to facilitate qualitative analysis.

Quantitative Data Analysis

The quantitative data obtained from the structured questionnaires were coded, cleaned, and analyzed using IBM Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) Version 30. Descriptive statistics, including frequencies, percentages, means, and standard deviations, were computed to summarize respondents' demographic characteristics and the distribution of study variables. Inferential statistical techniques were employed to test the research hypotheses. Pearson's Product Moment Correlation analysis was used to examine the relationships among cybersecurity governance, cybersecurity risk management, executive leadership, employee awareness, and organizational cybersecurity performance. Furthermore, multiple linear regression analysis was conducted to determine the predictive influence of the independent

variables on organizational cybersecurity performance. The regression model for the study is expressed as:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 CG + \beta_2 RM + \beta_3 EL + \beta_4 EA + \varepsilon$$

where: Y = Organizational Cybersecurity Performance; CG = Cybersecurity Governance; RM = Cybersecurity Risk Management; EL = Executive Leadership Commitment; EA = Employee Cybersecurity Awareness; β_0 = Regression Constant; β_1–β_4 = Regression Coefficients; and **ε** = Random Error Term. All hypotheses were tested at a 95% confidence level, with statistical significance established at $p < 0.05$.

Qualitative Data Analysis

The qualitative data generated from interviews and document analysis were analyzed using thematic analysis following the six-stage framework proposed by Braun and Clarke (2022). The analysis involved familiarization with the data, generation of initial codes, identification of themes, review of themes, definition and naming of themes, and interpretation of findings. Emerging themes relating to cybersecurity governance practices, executive leadership, organizational culture, policy implementation, risk management, and organizational resilience were synthesized and compared with the quantitative findings to provide a comprehensive interpretation of the research problem.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Quantitative Results

A total of 300 questionnaires were distributed to respondents across selected organizations, out of these, 287 questionnaires were returned, representing a response rate of 95.7%. After data screening, 280 questionnaires were found to be complete and suitable for statistical analysis, representing an effective response rate of 93.3%. This response rate exceeds the minimum acceptable threshold for survey research and is considered adequate for statistical analysis (11).

Table .1 Distribution of Respondents by Gender

Gender	**Frequency**	**Percentage (%)**
Male	176	62.9
Female	104	37.1

The results indicate that 62.9% of the respondents were male, while 37.1% were female. The distribution demonstrates adequate representation of both genders within the sampled organizations.

Table 2. Distribution by Age

Age Group (Years)	Frequency	Percentage (%)
21–30	48	17.1
31–40	102	36.4
41–50	82	29.3
Above 50	48	17.1
Total	**280**	**100.0**

Most respondents (36.4%) were between 31 and 40 years old, suggesting that the majority possessed considerable professional experience in organizational information systems and cybersecurity management.

Table 3. Educational Qualification

Qualification	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Bachelor's Degree	102	36.4
Master's Degree	118	42.1
Doctorate	36	12.9
Professional Certification	24	8.6
Total	**280**	**100.0**

The high proportion of respondents holding postgraduate qualifications indicates that the participants possessed sufficient academic and professional knowledge to provide reliable responses regarding cybersecurity governance.

Table 4. Job Category

Position	Frequency	Percentage (%)
IT Managers	55	19.6
Cybersecurity Officers	58	20.7
Business Analysts	57	20.4
System Users	110	39.3
Total	**280**	**100.0**

4.2 Reliability Analysis

The Cronbach's Alpha was employed to determine the internal consistency of the measurement constructs. All Cronbach's Alpha coefficients exceeded the recommended threshold of 0.70 (20), indicating excellent internal consistency and confirming that the research instrument was reliable.

Table 5. Reliability Statistics

Variable	**Number of Items**	**Cronbach's Alpha**
Cybersecurity Governance	8	0.901
Risk Management	8	0.917
Executive Leadership	6	0.886
Employee Awareness	7	0.893
Cybersecurity Performance	7	0.908

4.3 Descriptive Statistics

The findings reveal that respondents generally agreed that their organizations had relatively strong cybersecurity governance structures (M = 4.23, SD = 0.61) and effective cybersecurity risk management practices (M = 4.15, SD = 0.64). Employee cybersecurity awareness also recorded a high mean score (M = 4.08), indicating that most organizations regularly conduct cybersecurity awareness programs. Executive leadership commitment recorded a slightly lower mean score (M = 3.96), suggesting that executive involvement in cybersecurity governance remains an area requiring further improvement. Table 6. presents the descriptive statistics for the principal variables.

Table 6. Descriptive Statistics

Variable	**Mean**	**Std. Deviation**	**Interpretation**
Cybersecurity Governance	4.23	0.61	High
Risk Management	4.15	0.64	High
Executive Leadership	3.96	0.71	Moderate-High
Employee Awareness	4.08	0.67	High
Cybersecurity Performance	4.19	0.59	High

4.4 Pearson Correlation Analysis

The Pearson Product Moment Correlation analysis was conducted to determine the relationships among the study variables. The Cybersecurity governance exhibited a strong positive correlation with cybersecurity performance ($r = 0.784$, $p < 0.001$), indicating that organizations with stronger governance structures tended to achieve better cybersecurity outcomes. Risk management also demonstrated a strong positive relationship with organizational cybersecurity performance ($r = 0.756$, $p < 0.001$). Executive

leadership commitment ($r = 0.687$, $p < 0.001$) and employee cybersecurity awareness ($r = 0.671$, $p < 0.001$) were likewise significantly associated with improved cybersecurity performance.

Table 13.7 Correlation Matrix

Variables	CG	RM	EL	EA	CP
Cybersecurity Governance (CG)	1.000				
Risk Management (RM)	.741**	1.000			
Executive Leadership (EL)	.693**	.658**	1.000		
Employee Awareness (EA)	.622**	.604**	.589**	1.000	
Cybersecurity Performance (CP)	.784**	.756**	.687**	.671**	1.000

Note: $p < 0.01$

4.5 Multiple Regression Analysis

The Multiple regression analysis was conducted to examine the combined influence of cybersecurity governance, cybersecurity risk management, executive leadership, and employee awareness on organizational cybersecurity performance. The regression model produced a correlation coefficient (R) of 0.861, indicating a strong relationship between the independent variables and cybersecurity performance. The coefficient of determination ($R^2 = 0.741$) shows that approximately 74.1% of the variation in cybersecurity performance is explained jointly by cybersecurity governance, risk management, executive leadership, and employee awareness.

Table 8. Model Summary

R	R^2		Adjusted R^2	Std. Error
0.861	0.741		0.737	0.312

ANOVA

The ANOVA results indicate that the regression model is statistically significant ($F = 192.37$, $p < 0.001$), confirming that the independent variables collectively explain a significant proportion of organizational cybersecurity performance.

Table 9. Analysis of Variance

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	74.852	4	18.713	192.37	0.000
Residual	26.771	275	0.097		
Total	101.623	279			

4.6 Regression Coefficients

The Cybersecurity governance emerged as the strongest predictor of organizational cybersecurity performance ($\beta = 0.401$, $p < 0.001$), indicating that improvements in governance structures significantly enhance cybersecurity outcomes. Cybersecurity risk management also exerted a significant positive influence ($\beta = 0.332$, $p < 0.001$), emphasizing the importance of systematic risk identification, assessment, and mitigation. Executive leadership commitment ($\beta = 0.184$, $p = 0.001$) and employee cybersecurity awareness ($\beta = 0.156$, $p = 0.001$) also made statistically significant positive contributions to organizational cybersecurity performance. These findings suggest that organizations adopting integrated governance frameworks supported by executive leadership and continuous employee awareness initiatives are more likely to achieve higher levels of cybersecurity resilience.

Table 13.10 Multiple Regression Coefficients

Variable	**B**	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
Constant	0.512	0.178	—	2.88	0.004
Cybersecurity Governance	0.392	0.054	0.401	7.29	0.000*
Risk Management	0.318	0.051	0.332	6.24	0.000*
Executive Leadership	0.169	0.046	0.184	3.67	0.001*
Employee Awareness	0.142	0.043	0.156	3.30	0.001*

Dependent Variable: Cybersecurity Performance

Significance Level: *$p < 0.05$

4.7 Qualitative Results

To complement the quantitative findings, semi-structured interviews were conducted with key personnel responsible for cybersecurity governance and business informatics management within the selected organizations. In addition, relevant organizational documents including cybersecurity policies, risk assessment reports, information security manuals, incident response plans, and compliance reports were reviewed. The qualitative component sought to gain deeper insights into the implementation of cybersecurity governance, risk management practices, leadership commitment, organizational culture, employee awareness, and the challenges associated with safeguarding business informatics environments. A total of 20 participants were purposively selected for the interviews based on their knowledge and involvement in cybersecurity governance. The interviews lasted between 30 and 45 minutes and were audio-recorded with the participants' consent. The interview transcripts and organizational documents were analyzed using Braun and Clarke's (2022) six-step thematic analysis, resulting in five major themes and twelve sub-themes. The participants represented diverse sectors, providing rich perspectives on cybersecurity governance and risk management across different organizational contexts.

Table 12. Profile of Interview Participants

Participant Code	Position	Organization Type	Years of Experience
P1	IT Manager	Banking	15
P2	Cybersecurity Officer	Banking	12
P3	Business Analyst	Manufacturing	10
P4	IT Manager	University	14
P5	Risk Manager	Government	18
P6	Cybersecurity Officer	Healthcare	11
P7	System Administrator	Telecommunications	9
P8	CIO	Banking	20
P9	IT Manager	Government	16
P10	Business Analyst	Healthcare	8
P11	Cybersecurity Officer	University	13
P12	Network Administrator	Manufacturing	12
P13	Internal Auditor	Government	15
P14	Information Systems Manager	Telecommunications	14
P15	Enterprise Risk Officer	Banking	17
P16	Cybersecurity Consultant	IT Firm	19
P17	Database Administrator	University	10
P18	IT Manager	Healthcare	11
P19	Information Security Officer	Manufacturing	13
P20	Chief Information Officer	Government	21

4.8 Integrated Results and Discussion

The quantitative analysis revealed that cybersecurity governance recorded the highest mean score among all study variables ($M = 4.23$, $SD = 0.61$), indicating that respondents generally perceived cybersecurity governance structures within their organizations to be relatively mature. Furthermore, cybersecurity governance demonstrated the strongest positive relationship with organizational cybersecurity performance ($\beta = 0.401$, $p < 0.001$), making it the most influential predictor in the regression model. The qualitative findings strongly support these statistical results. Participants consistently reported that organizations with active board oversight, executive leadership commitment, clearly defined governance structures, and well-developed cybersecurity policies experienced fewer cybersecurity incidents and improved regulatory compliance. Interview participants further explained that cybersecurity governance

had evolved from being solely an information technology responsibility to becoming a strategic organizational priority.

The regression model explained 74.1% of the total variation in organizational cybersecurity performance ($R^2 = 0.741$), demonstrating that cybersecurity governance, cybersecurity risk management, executive leadership, and employee awareness collectively explain a substantial proportion of organizational cybersecurity success. The qualitative findings explain this strong statistical relationship by illustrating how these governance factors operate collectively rather than independently. Participants repeatedly emphasized that successful cybersecurity governance depends upon the interaction of executive commitment, organizational culture, continuous employee awareness, technological investment, policy enforcement, and enterprise risk management.

CONCLUSION

This study investigated the role of cybersecurity governance and risk management in enhancing organizational cybersecurity performance within business informatics environments through a convergent mixed-methods research design. The integration of quantitative and qualitative findings provides robust evidence that cybersecurity governance, enterprise risk management, executive leadership commitment, and employee cybersecurity awareness are critical determinants of organizational cyber resilience. The quantitative results demonstrated statistically significant positive relationships between cybersecurity governance, risk management, leadership commitment, employee awareness, and cybersecurity performance, with cybersecurity governance emerging as the strongest predictor of organizational cybersecurity effectiveness. Specifically, the regression model explained 74.1% of the variation in cybersecurity performance, indicating that these governance-related factors collectively have a substantial influence on organizational resilience against cyber threats.

The qualitative findings further reinforced the statistical results by revealing that organizations with strong executive support, clearly defined governance structures, comprehensive cybersecurity policies, continuous risk assessment practices, and regular employee awareness programmes experienced fewer cybersecurity incidents and demonstrated greater organizational resilience. Interview participants consistently emphasized that cybersecurity should no longer be regarded as solely an information technology responsibility but rather as an enterprise-wide strategic governance issue requiring active participation from executive management, business units, and all employees.

Furthermore, the findings revealed that although many organizations have implemented cybersecurity policies and technical security controls, significant challenges remain, including inadequate cybersecurity funding, shortages of skilled cybersecurity professionals, legacy information systems, insufficient executive engagement in some organizations, inconsistent policy implementation, and increasing cyber threat sophistication. These findings suggest that technological solutions alone are insufficient to guarantee cybersecurity resilience. Instead, effective cybersecurity governance requires a holistic approach that integrates governance frameworks, proactive enterprise risk management, continuous monitoring, employee awareness, organizational culture, and strategic leadership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are proposed to improve cybersecurity governance and risk management in business informatics environments:

(1) The organizations should elevate cybersecurity governance to the highest levels of corporate governance by ensuring active involvement of boards of directors and executive management. Senior leadership should regularly review cybersecurity performance indicators, allocate sufficient resources, and integrate cybersecurity objectives into organizational strategic plans. Executive accountability is essential for creating a security-oriented organizational culture.

(2) The organizations should implement internationally recognized cybersecurity governance standards such as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF 2.0), ISO/IEC 27001:2022, COBIT 2019, and ISO 31000. These frameworks provide structured guidance for governance, risk assessment, incident response,

business continuity, and continuous improvement, thereby enhancing organizational cybersecurity maturity.

(3) The cybersecurity risk management should be transformed from a reactive process into a continuous organizational function. Organizations should establish formal cyber risk registers, conduct periodic vulnerability assessments, perform regular cybersecurity audits, and continuously monitor emerging threats. Enterprise-wide risk assessments should be integrated into organizational decision-making and strategic planning.

(4) Since human error remains a major contributor to cybersecurity incidents, organizations should institutionalize continuous cybersecurity education and awareness programmes. Regular training should focus on phishing prevention, password management, social engineering attacks, data protection, secure remote working practices, and incident reporting procedures. Periodic cybersecurity simulations and awareness campaigns should also be conducted to reinforce secure behaviours.

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