

The human risk crisis in professional services

Trusted with sensitive data, targeted by sophisticated attacks



Professional services firms, including those in accounting, law, management consulting, architecture, engineering, advertising, and marketing, handle some of the most sensitive client data in the business world. That makes their people a prime target.

• A LOOK AT •

HUMAN RISK

• THE GROWING THREAT SURFACE •

96%

of organizations expect email security challenges in 2026, and 71% anticipate negative business impact from collaboration tool attacks, the same channels professional services teams rely on daily.

• THE INSIDER RISK REALITY •

8%

of employees cause 80% of security incidents. At an average of 6 insider-driven incidents per month and \$13.1M per event, annual exposure can reach \$943.2M.

• THE COMPLIANCE CONFIDENCE GAP •

9%

of organizations lack confidence that they can quickly locate communications data when regulators demand it, and 91% report governance and compliance challenges.

• THE AI THREAT IS HERE •

69%

say AI-powered attacks are inevitable within 12 months, yet only 40% are fully prepared.

Get the full picture.

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