

**TOPIC: Personnel and Physical Security**

Most organizations spend tremendous amount of resources to protect their infrastructure from external attacks, however to be defensible, organizations should have controls in place to prevent insider attacks. An insider attack poses a threat to an organization and can cause extreme damage because the individual may have access to core infrastructure as well as confidential and sensitive information. The BC Provincial Government has set standards for personnel security, which includes background check for successful applicants and current employees. For more information visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/careers-myhr/hiring-managers/process/extend-offer/security-screening>



Social engineering attacks such as piggybacking have become more prominent today. It is important for organizations to know who is on their premise. Physical security should be promoted through security awareness and employees should be comfortable challenging anyone who does not have physical identification (i.e. a badge). While on premises, all staff and visitors should have a badge on them, placed in a visible manner (i.e. attached to the lapel of a jacket or chest pocket, on a lanyard around the neck, or hooked to a belt). For more information on physical security visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/central-government-agencies/government-security-office>

**UPCOMING SECURITY EVENTS:****Monthly Defensible Security Conference Call: Feb 27, 2019**

*At the next conference call, 2 control areas of Defensible Security will be discussed; Personnel & Physical Security and Vendor Requirement.*

**BC Security Day: June 13, 2019**

*The Province organizes two "Security Day" events annually, admission is free of charge and you can either attend in-person or via webcast. At the event, experts in the field of security present and discuss topics pertaining to advancement in technology and security implications. Join us for the 2019 spring Security Day and learn about "Smart Cities"; check our website for more information: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/securityday>.*

