



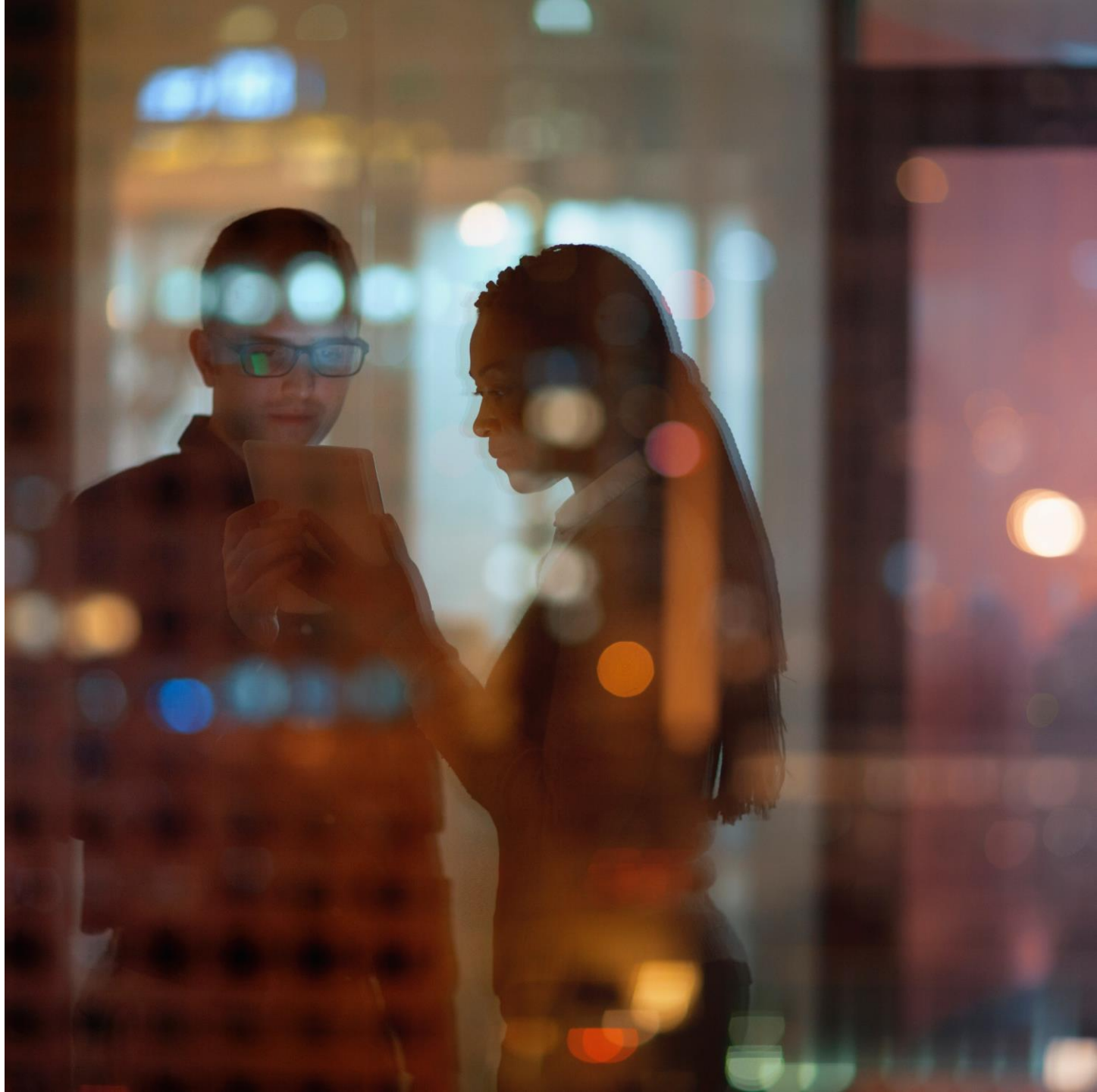
# Cybersecurity Threats to the Transportation & Logistic Industries

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## HACKTIVISM

### Motivation:

Hackers use computer network exploitation to advance their political or social causes.

## TERRORISM

### Motivation:

Terrorist groups sabotage the computer systems that operate our critical infrastructure, such as the electric grid.

## CRIME

### Motivation:

Individuals sophisticated criminal enterprises steal personal information and extort victims for financial gain

# Full Spectrum of Threats

## WARFARE

### Motivation:

Nation-state actors sabotage military and critical infrastructure systems to gain an advantage in the event of conflict.

## INSIDER

### Motivation:

Trusted insiders steal proprietary information for personal, financial, and ideological reasons.

## ESPIONAGE

### Motivation:

Nation-state actors conduct computer intrusions to steal sensitive state secrets and proprietary information from private companies.

# Cyber Threat Landscape: Transportation & Logistics Sector



**Critical Infrastructure**  
as prime target for  
cybercriminals –  
lucrative and  
opportunity to disrupt  
supply chain



**Increased connectivity  
and dependency on  
technology** = larger  
attack surface and  
fresh entry points for  
hackers



**Outdated systems**  
and lack of  
investment in  
cybersecurity



**Regulatory requirements**  
(e.g., new SEC  
cybersecurity rules for  
publicly-traded  
companies)

Threats to this sector include ransomware; leaked data; DDoS attacks; social engineering (phishing/spear phishing); supply chain attacks

# Third Party Risks

**Supply chain attacks** are designed to circumvent controls and take advantage of the inherent trust in third-party relationships—software vendors, customers, etc.

Without the proper controls, your vendors and contractors can become the **weakest link** to your organizations and customers' privacy.

## BEST PRACTICES

- Process for **evaluating** new vendors as they are onboarded—
- Understand your most **critical assets** and their locations.
- Monitor who has **access** to the identified critical data.
- Include **cybersecurity requirements** in vendor contracts that include;
  - ✓ Documented evidence showing that security testing is done at least annually
  - ✓ Incident Response Plans
  - ✓ Employee Training
  - ✓ Access Management
  - ✓ Cyber Insurance

# The Epidemic of Ransomware

Demands for payments by threat actors are in the millions.

Damages to businesses and organizations and costs associated with ransomware extend to **business interruption** and loss of **customer trust**.



Prior to encryption, threat actors are exfiltrating data, which they use to coerce payment.

Threat Actors are now contacting **employees**, **patients** and even the **SEC** (AlphV) to coerce payment.



Insurers have introduced new ransomware-specific applications.

These efforts are focused on enhancing insured risk controls, and risk selection for insurers.



# Deep Fakes and Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)

**Threat Actors are posing as executives with spoofed phone numbers and AI Deep Fakes using speeches and talks found online.**

Identifying deepfake audio can be challenging, especially over the phone. But if you suspect the person you’re talking to may not be who they say they are, the best thing to do is ask questions that an imposter will not be able to answer correctly.

- ✓ Establishing a set of **security questions or codewords** in advance can help safeguard your business against scammers who use deepfake technology to commit theft and fraud.
- ✓ Confirm identity using a **known callback number**. Never offer sensitive financial or personal identifiable information (PII) over the phone.
- ✓ Make sure your company’s **financial dual controls** are well-established so that employees don't make significant fund transfers without verification.
- ✓ Verify with the bank to confirm both the account number and the name on the account before sending a wire.

# Proactive Cybersecurity Tips

Regular and robust phishing **training** for all employees

**Multi-factor authentication** for access into any system

Ensure systems have off-line/cloud **backups**--if on-site backups are encrypted, you still have backups to use

Install network monitoring and response tool: **Endpoint Detection and Response (“EDR”)**

Implement and practice your **Incident Response Plan**

Have trusted partners chosen and on stand-by; **legal, forensics, insurance broker**



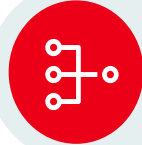
**If hit with ransomware: disconnect all machines from the network but not power off**

# Cyber Key Controls

## Marketplace Minimum Expectations



Multi-Factor  
Authentication (MFA)



Endpoint Detection  
and Response (EDR)



Phishing Exercise/  
Cyber Awareness Training



Vulnerability Scanning & Patch  
Management



Secure RDP/VPN



Incident Response Plan/  
Ransomware Exercise



Access Control/  
Service Accounts



Disaster Recovery/Backups



Email Filtering & Security  
(DMARC / DKIM)



Zero Day Vulnerabilities  
and Supply Chain Risks



Network Segmentation/  
Network Monitoring



M&A DD  
and Integration



# Thank You

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