

Aon's Top Cyber Threats for 2019 Revealed

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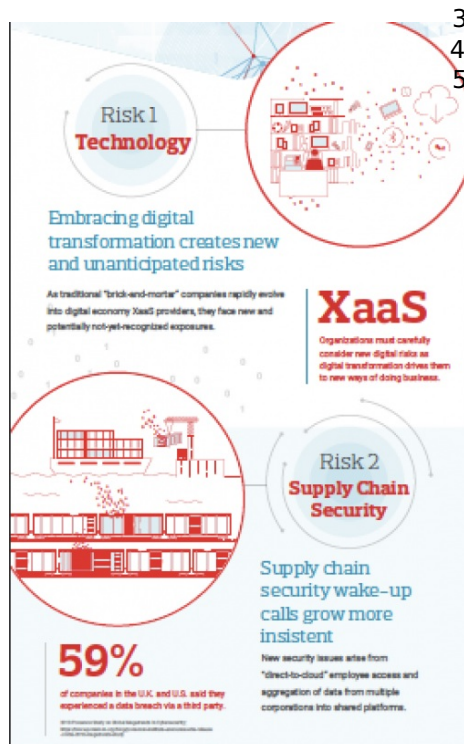
Companies' cyber risk profiles should be updated in tandem with each new digital technology that it embraces, according to Aon in its [2019 Cyber Security Risk Report](#). The scale of attacks and their impact on organizations is intensifying, and as we recently reported, are becoming less predictable. Ransomware attacks may have peaked in 2018, as industry experts have noted, which sent malicious actors reverting to good old fashioned digital extortion, albeit with a slight twist.

Adopting a proactive outlook is the best way for companies to respond to the complex and changing set of cyberrisks, said Jason J. Hogg, CEO of Aon Cyber Solutions.

"To better prepare against attack, organizations should continually assess their overall cyber risk profile, remediate where recommended and proactively manage their defense," Hogg said.

The report discusses eight prominent areas where organizations are expected to face cybersecurity threats this year.

1. **Technology**
2. **Supply Chain**



3. **IoT**
4. **Business Operations**
5. **Employees**



6. **Mergers & Acquisitions**
7. **Regulatory**
8. **Board of Directors**

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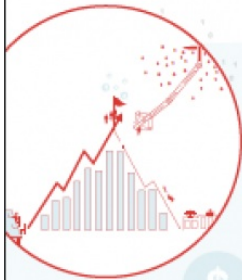


Managing the intersection of cyber security policy and enforcement

Proliferating and overlapping cyber regulations actually tend to create more cyber risk for the CISO. Overwhelming compliance obligations inspire a "check-the-box" mentality replacing best cyber security practices. Even knowing which box to check, in which jurisdiction, has become much more complex.

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Media reports surrounding 2018 mega-breaches have speculated that each company involved could face a potential fine of \$500 million to over \$1 billion if regulators uncover associated GDPR violations.



Risk 8 Board of Directors

Directors and officers face growing personal liability relative to cyber security oversight

Managing cyber security risk has quickly become one of the biggest oversight challenges facing board directors and officers—and it's a growing personal risk, too. Shareholders have been bringing claims against directors in some of the highest-profile data breaches.

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The good news is that nearly three-quarters of board directors say they are more involved with cyber security than they were a year ago.