

# Securing offices, rooms and facilities

ISO 27002 Control 7.3

## Control

Physical security for offices, rooms and facilities should be designed and implemented

## Purpose

To prevent unauthorized physical access, damage and interference to the organization's information and other associated assets in offices, rooms and facilities



## Why is it important?

- It addresses risks arising from the external environment (e.g., public curiosity, external threats)
- It helps maintain confidentiality by concealing the location and nature of information processing activities (e.g., through unobtrusive design)
- It protects against interference (e.g., eavesdropping, viewing confidential information)

## What are the topics to consider ?

- Site critical facilities to avoid public access
- Design buildings to be unobtrusive and give minimum indication of their purpose
- Configure facilities to prevent confidential information or activities from being visible and audible from the outside
- Restrict access to internal directories that identify locations of confidential information facilities



## What small details are important ?

- Buildings should ideally be unobtrusive with minimum indication of their purpose
- Confidential activities should be protected from being visible and audible from the outside
- Consider electromagnetic shielding as appropriate

## Link with other frameworks

- NIST 800-53 rev5 : PE-3, PE-5
- NIST CSF 2.0 : PR.AA-06



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