



CPAs & BUSINESS ADVISORS

## What are the benefits of a virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO)?

Here are five reasons to consider engaging a vCISO in your overall security and business planning.

- **1 A lead resource for information security.**

A vCISO can guide investments safely, ensuring activities do not open your company up to more risk. That might involve supporting the expansion of your online presence, the roll-out of a new ERP system, decisions about technology initiatives and more.
- **2 Expert support – with less hassle and cost.**

A CISO role is expensive to fill, and such security leaders are in high demand, so talent is hard to find. Engaging with a vCISO will mean you have access to these resources without the searching, vetting and high expense.
- **3 A facilitator for your culture of security.**

Wherever you are in your cybersecurity process, a vCISO is critical to facilitating a culture of security. They could either fit into your defined processes and maintain them or help create and build that culture from the ground up.
- **4 A well of multi-faceted experience.**

A virtual CISO typically has more varied experiences from working with many different types of companies. They can draw from that experience to build a program with you that makes the most sense for your goals.
- **5 A big-picture perspective.**

A vCISO can take a bird's eye view of your company and its needs, seeing the bigger picture. If you work with a company that provides holistic professional services, instead of just IT services, that company can take an even broader view of your business overall.