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Insider Threat Models

The **BLUF** highlights what we at **The Threat Lab** are watching, listening to, reading, and thinking about. This month we highlight three conceptual models that may be used to help understand and organize behavioral indicators that may precede certain types of insider threat incidents.



VIDEO

From Monica Whitty's talk, **Developing a Conceptual Model for Insider Threat**, "I will be discussing case studies of insider attacks that took place in the UK to develop a conceptual model for insider threat...The work highlights the multiple pathways to an attack, demonstrating the various types of insiders and methods they employed to attack the organization."

Watch the video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdqy_qgPUfA



ARTICLE

From the article by Eric Shaw and Laura Sellers, **Application of the Critical-Path Method to Evaluate Insider Risks**, "Our purpose in this article is to draw on the most recent and comprehensive empirical studies of insider hostile acts—ranging from formal academic efforts to collections of in-depth case reports—to demonstrate that there exists a common set of factors and a similar pattern of individual and organizational behavior across the many occurrences during recent years."

Read the article

<https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/csi-publications/csi-studies/studies/vol-59-no-2/pdfs/Shaw-Critical%20Path-June-2015.pdf>



VIDEO

From the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's video, **Pathway to Violence**, "Behavior experts reference research conducted by Frederick Calhoun and Steve Weston on threat management and further describe the six progressive steps that may be observable by colleagues."

Watch the video

<https://www.cisa.gov/pathway-violence-video>

The Defense Personnel and Security Research Center (PERSEREC) founded **The Threat Lab** in 2018 to realize the DoD Counter-Insider Threat Program Director's vision to incorporate the social and behavioral sciences into the mission space. Our team is headquartered in Seaside, California, and includes psychologists, sociologists, policy analysts, computer scientists, and other subject matter experts committed to workforce protection.

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