

How to Research Security Culture

A practical method for collecting and interpreting evidence about how security is understood and enacted.





What is security culture research?

Research question sheet and magnifying glass





Start with the research question

Target and scope frame





Define the purpose and scope

Boundary frame or map marker





Identify the culture indicators

Indicator dashboard





Research across the organisation

Organisational network





Use multiple sources of evidence

Evidence documents



For professional discussion and reflection • Illustrative, not exhaustive • Apply alongside appropriate organisational risk, evidence and decision-making processes



Separate stated and enacted culture

Two culture layers



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Examine reporting and learning

Reporting clipboard





Compare groups and contexts

Comparison arrows





Recognise bias in the evidence

Balanced scales





Build a security culture evidence map

Connected evidence map





Interpret findings carefully

Judgement gauge and security shield





The security culture research checklist

Completed checklist and green tick

