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Summary

This Recommendation | International Standard provides guidance on the governance of information security.

Information security has become a key issue for organisations. Not only are there increasing regulatory requirements but also the failure of an organisation's information security measures can have a direct impact on an organisation's reputation.

Therefore, the governing body, as part of its governance responsibilities, is increasingly required to oversee information security to ensure the objectives of the organisation are achieved.

In addition, governance of information security provides a powerful link between an organisation's governing body, executive management and those responsible for implementing and operating an information security management system.

It provides the mandate essential for driving information security initiatives throughout the organisation.

Furthermore, an effective governance of information security ensures that the governing body receives relevant reporting - framed in a business context - about information security-related activities. This enables pertinent and timely decisions about information security issues in support of the strategic objectives of the organisation.

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