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## NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN INTEGRITY MONTH

April is National Supply Chain Integrity Month, a time dedicated to increasing awareness around the security risks that exist within our supply chains — including vendors, service providers, software suppliers, contractors, and partners.

Supply chain security is not just an IT issue. It is an organizational responsibility that affects operations, finance, procurement, compliance, and overall business continuity.

### What Is Supply Chain Integrity?

Supply chain integrity refers to ensuring that every product, service, system, and partner involved in our operations is:

- Authentic and verified
- Secure from tampering or compromise
- Compliant with regulatory and contractual standards
- Transparent in how data is handled and protected
- Because organizations rely heavily on third parties, attackers increasingly target vendors as a way to gain indirect access to larger networks.

### Why this Matters?

A single weak link in a supply chain can lead to:

- Data breaches

- Malware infections through trusted software updates
- Financial fraud (such as vendor impersonation scams)
- Operational disruptions
- Reputational damage

Many high-profile cybersecurity incidents in recent years originated from compromised third-party providers rather than direct attacks.

### Common Supply Chain Threats

Understanding the risks helps us prevent them. Watch for:

- Vendor Impersonation & Business Email Compromise: Fraudsters posing as legitimate vendors requesting payment changes.
- Compromised Software Updates: Malicious code embedded in trusted applications.
- Unauthorized Third-Party Access: Vendors with excessive or outdated system permissions.
- Counterfeit or Altered Hardware: Devices that may have been tampered with before deployment.
- Data Overexposure: Sharing more information than necessary with external parties.



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## Your Role in Protecting the Supply Chain

Every employee plays a part in maintaining supply chain integrity. You can help by:

- Following approved procurement and vendor onboarding processes
- Verifying payment or banking changes through a secondary method (e.g., phone call to known contact)
- Reporting suspicious emails that reference vendors or invoices
- Limiting data sharing to what is necessary and authorized
- Ensuring third parties only receive access required for their role
- Promptly reporting unusual system behavior after software updates

If you notice something unusual involving a vendor, contractor, or supplier — report it immediately to Security or IT.

## Awareness in Action

This month, take time to:

- Review your department's third-party relationships
- Confirm that shared access is still necessary
- Revisit data handling and classification guidelines
- Complete any assigned security awareness training
- Proactive awareness reduces risk before incidents occur.

## Read at Your Leisure

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. (2025, April 1). Building resilient ICT supply chains: 8th annual Supply Chain Integrity Month. U.S. Department of Homeland Security. <https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/news/building-resilient-ict-supply-chains-8th-annual-supply-chain-integrity-month>
- U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania. (2026, February 19). Former coal company executive convicted in international bribery and money laundering scheme. [https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-coal-company-executive-convicted-international-bribery-and-money-laundering\\_](https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-coal-company-executive-convicted-international-bribery-and-money-laundering_)



## Key Takeaways

Security is strongest when every link in the chain is secure. By staying informed and alert, we reduce the likelihood of supply chain compromise and strengthen our overall resilience.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting our National Security and LIS Solutions, Inc. Stay informed. Stay vigilant. Stay secure.



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