

The RAU Security Formula

A three-step process to help all employees recognize potential security threats and deal in an effective way before they become an actual security breach.



Recognize the threat

Understand the necessary defense or countermeasure

Act correctly, in time

Step 1

Recognize the Threat

In order to recognize a threat, you need to be familiar with common security vulnerabilities and give full attention to what you are doing. It is also important to be knowledgeable of specific vulnerabilities you may be exposed to due to the nature of your work, such as working late alone, traveling with a laptop or accessing your email when away from the office.

Step 2

Understand the Necessary Defense

Recognizing security threats is important, but you also need to know what is necessary to avoid incidents.

Remember, most security incidents can be avoided.

One way to focus your attention on security so you can recognize the threat and understand the defense against it is to use the "What if" strategy.

Step 3

Act Correctly, in Time

If recognizing the threat is important, knowing what to do and doing it in time to avoid or minimize the negative impact is even more important .

Acting correctly after it is too late is like sending out wedding invitations after the wedding or locking the door after the house has been robbed.

Incident response criteria includes:

- 1) Who to report the incident to
- 2) Preferred method of reporting, i.e., phone, email, form, etc.
- 3) What to report