2025 Insider Risk Report: The Hidden Threat Within

The 2025 Fortinet Insider Risk Report, conducted by Fortinet and Cybersecurity Insiders, is based on a comprehensive survey of 883 IT and security professionals. It highlights a shift from reactive enforcement to behavior-aware strategies and next-generation tools.

Insider Risk Is Rising

Insider risk is rising more than people realize, and it's not always malicious; often, it's accidental. The danger may not be outside your perimeter but in your workflows.

77% of organizations have experienced insider-driven data loss in the past 18 months.

67% reported financial impact between $100,000 and $10M for their most significant incident.

Most incidents stemmed from negligence, not intent.*

Blind Spots Endure

Lack of visibility remains a problem. If you can't see user behavior, you can't mitigate the real risk posed by employees, contractors, and partners.

72% lack visibility into how users interact with sensitive data across endpoints and cloud applications.

Only **14%** feel fully confident in their ability to detect insider threats.

45% are concerned about the sharing of sensitive data with GenAI tools, such as ChatGPT, over the next 12 months.

Only **12%** feel their organization is fully prepared to detect and respond to GenAI risks.

Maturity Has Hit a Ceiling

Most insider risk programs are stuck at their current level of maturity, which is a function of the tools they do or don't have to see, detect, and respond to insider risks.

Only **18%** have reached full Level 3 maturity, where governance, behavioral analytics, and automation work in unison across endpoints, users, and cloud.

51% remain at Level 2, with fragmented tools and limited integration.

Top barriers to further maturity are difficulties in monitoring SaaS and hybrid work environments **(52%)** and tool complexity **(49%)**.

Modern Work Increases Risk

Productivity across users is increasingly dependent on the use of sensitive data. And the same tools that enable productivity are now risk channels, including:

- Email
- Browsers
- Collaboration Apps
- Cloud Storage
- GenAI Tools
- Webmail
- USB Drives

The Shift Begins

Taking a new approach to security means adopting behavior-aware, AI-ready solutions designed for how people work and engage with sensitive data. In fact, 32% are adopting integrated next-gen DLP and insider risk management solutions. When selecting solutions:

66% prioritize real-time behavioral analytics

61% demand day-one visibility

52% focus on controlling shadow AI and SaaS

Download the Full Report

Learn what's driving the stats and what top performers are doing differently in the full report. You'll get exclusive findings, insights on what your peers are doing, and best practices for accelerating the maturity of your insider risk program.

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