

Principles of supply chain security

How to gain and maintain control of your supply chain.

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The principles are divided into four stages representing the process of securing your supply chain.

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1. Understand the risks

- Understand what needs to be protected and why
- Know who your suppliers are and build an understanding of what their security looks like
- Understand the security risk posed by your supply chain

2. Establish control

- Communicate your view of security needs to your suppliers
- Set and communicate minimum security requirements for your suppliers
- Build security considerations into your contracting processes and require that your suppliers do the same
- Meet your own security responsibilities as a supplier and consumer
- Raise awareness of security within your supply chain
- Provide support for security incidents

3. Check your arrangements

- Build assurance activities into your approach to managing your supply chain

4. Continuous improvement

- Encourage the continuous improvement of security within your supply chain
- Build trust with suppliers

