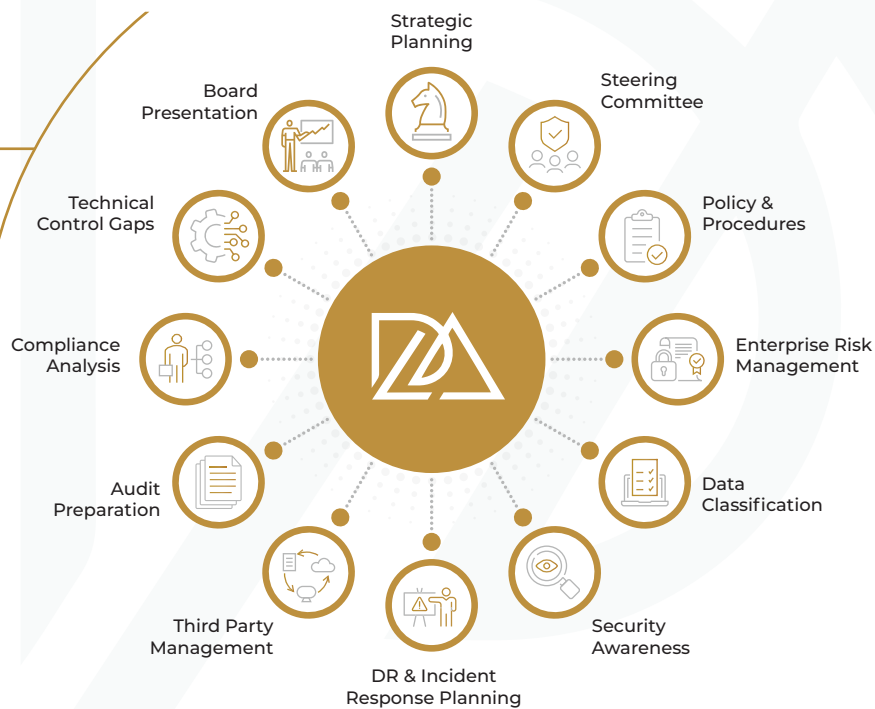# What is a vCISO and Why Do You Need One?

The lack of a strategic resource to oversee your Cybersecurity and resilience program, may expose your business to damaging cyberattacks that can bring your operations to its knees, resulting in financial loss, eroded customer trust, and reputational damage. Additionally, if your Board or C-Suite lacks the know-how to evaluate risk, disclose incidents, or integrate SEC requirements into your risk management strategies, you could face severe financial or legal repercussions. That's where a virtual CISO (vCISO) comes in.

What is a vCISO?

A vCISO serves as a virtual strategic partner, delivering senior-level Cybersecurity expertise on demand for businesses that need security leadership but may not have the resources or need for a full-time executive position. Business-minded and results-oriented, a vCISO blends strategic foresight with tactical excellence to ensure a business's Cybersecurity efforts are aligned with its business goals, positioning security as a business enabler rather than a cost center.

All-Encompassing vCISO Services

- Strategic Planning
- Steering Committee
- Board Presentation
- Policy & Procedures
- Technical Control Gaps
- Enterprise Risk Management
- Compliance Analysis
- Data Classification
- Audit Preparation
- Third Party Management
- Security Awareness
- DR & Incident Response Planning

The benefits of working with a vCISO include:

Cost-effective senior-level expertise: Serving as an extension of your team, a vCISO brings deep expertise and advanced Cybersecurity guidance to help your business develop and execute strategies to protect against threats— at a fraction of the cost of hiring a full-time staff member.

One point of contact supported by a team of experts: With a vCISO, you get the advantage of a single, dedicated leader who manages your Cybersecurity strategy and execution, with the support of a multidisciplinary team of experts. With that, you benefit from centralized account ability and a holistic approach to your Cybersecurity program, ensuring that every aspect of your defense strategy is interconnected and reinforced by top-tier expertise across different areas of specialty.

Proactive risk management: Rather than waiting for security incidents to occur, a vCISO applies their expertise to identify potential threats in advance. This proactive approach ensures safeguards are in place before incidents happen, mitigating risks that could otherwise bring your business to its knees.

An advisor to the Board or C-Suite: Keep your Board and C-Suite informed of and educate them about your company's Cybersecurity measures, incident response strategies, and compliance status in line with the SEC and other regulatory requirements.

Strategic integration: Cybersecurity isn't just an IT function; it's an integral part of the business. A vCISO ensures Cybersecurity is prioritized as a key part of the broader business strategy, ensuring security efforts are in lockstep with business objectives.

Enhance security stance and resilience: A vCISO will strengthen your cyber defenses to ensure your business is poised to prevent attacks and recover quickly in the event an attack occurs.

Compliance support: Ensuring your business meets relevant Cybersecurity regulations to reduce the risk of fines and legal action.

Expertise Across Industries: Our team has specialized knowledge in key sectors, fully under standing the nuanced Cybersecurity and compliance challenges you face.

The DLA Approach

DLA's vCISO service begins with a comprehensive NIST CSF 2.0 assessment. This ensures a data-driven, risk-based approach to your Cybersecurity strategy, aligning defenses with your business's unique needs and threat landscape.

RECOVER **IDENTIFY**

GOVERN

RESPOND

NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

PROTECT

DETECT
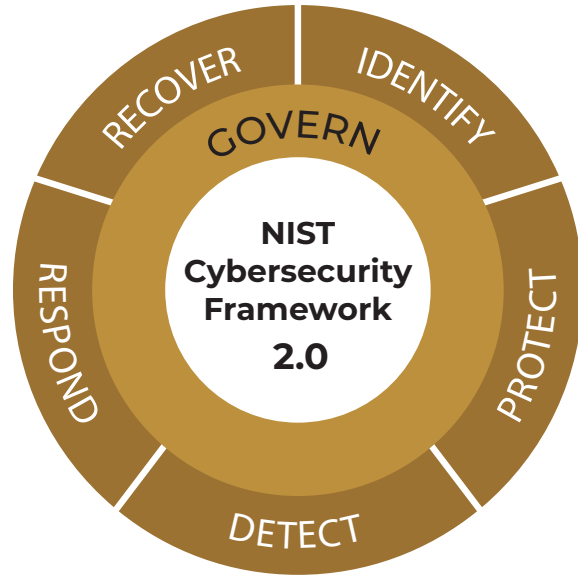
When you work with DLA, you get a trusted partner who:

- **Works with you to develop a new security program or mature your existing one**

- **Aligns your security and compliance goals with the overall business objectives**

- **Ensures continuous adherence to regulatory requirements**

- **Offers the flexibility to choose the level of service that aligns with your budget and needs**

For more information about how DLA can help you protect your business with strategic Cybersecurity expertise and support, contact us here.