Physical Security Controls for Data Centers Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Data Security	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Design and implement a comprehensive Defense-in-Depth security architecture.
2. Master advanced Access Control Systems (ACS), including modern Biometric and Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) technologies.
3. Develop robust strategies for Insider Threat Mitigation and personnel security.
4. Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to data center site selection and layout.
5. Integrate AI-Driven Surveillance and video analytics for proactive threat detection and anomaly alerting.
6. Ensure Regulatory Compliance by aligning physical controls with standards like ISO/IEC 27001 and SOC 2.
7. Implement effective Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems (PIDS) and physical hardening techniques.
8. Formulate and test a comprehensive Physical Incident Response Plan and Disaster Recovery protocols.
9. Manage the security risks associated with the Data Center Supply Chain and third-party vendors.
10. Establish a Converged Security Operations Center (CSOC) by integrating physical and cybersecurity data streams.
11. Perform a structured Physical Security Risk Assessment and vulnerability gap analysis.
12. Secure specialized environments, including Meet-Me Rooms (MMRs) and critical utility infrastructure
13. Leverage IoT Environmental Sensors for tamper detection and continuous monitoring of critical conditions.

Target Audience

1. Data Center Managers and Facility Managers.
2. Physical Security Specialists and Directors of Corporate Security.
3. IT Security Architects and Cybersecurity Managers focusing on converged risk.

4. Compliance and Audit Officers
5. Network and Infrastructure Engineers working in data center environments.
6. Security Operations Center Analysts and Supervisors.
7. Risk Management and Business Continuity Professionals.
8. Internal Audit and Third-Party Vendor Management teams.

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Data Center Physical Security & Risk

- Physical Security Performance Objectives
- Understanding the Threat Landscape.
- Introduction to the Layered Security Model
- Alignment of physical controls with key standards.
- Case Study: Analysis of a high-profile physical infiltration that bypassed electronic security through social engineering

Module 2: Access Control Systems (ACS) and Biometrics

- Designing Zoning and Role-Based Access Control policies for Data Halls, MMRs, and UPS rooms.
- Implementing Multi-Factor Authentication and high-assurance Biometric systems
- Utilizing Mantraps and Anti-Tailgating systems for single-person entry verification.
- Protocols for Strict Visitor Management, including digital pre-registration and temporary biometric enrollment.
- Case Study: Review of a data center's transition from keycard-only access to a three-factor authentication system and the resulting audit improvements.

Module 3: Perimeter & Structural Security (Physical Hardening)

- CPTED principles.
- Implementing Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems
- Physical hardening.
- Securing non-traditional entry points.
- Case Study: Evaluating a facility's defense against a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device scenario and the effectiveness of current perimeter barriers.

Module 4: Video Surveillance & AI-Driven Monitoring

- Design and placement of CCTV and IP Surveillance systems for 360-degree coverage and forensic quality video.
- Integrating AI-Driven Video Analytics for anomaly detection, object tracking, and real-time behavioral alerts
- Establishing a centralized Video Management System and ensuring strict video retention policies.
- Covert vs. Overt surveillance strategies and legal/ethical considerations.
- Case Study: How a data center utilized AI video analytics to identify an employee accessing a restricted area outside of their scheduled work hours, leading to the discovery of an internal protocol violation.

Module 5: Security Operations & Personnel Management

- Developing a Converged Security Operations Center model
- Implementing comprehensive Security Guard Patrol protocols, including randomized and dynamic patrol routes.

- Strategies for Personnel Security.
- Managing vendor and contractor access.
- Case Study: The successful mitigation of a simulated Social Engineering attempt during a Red Team exercise and the resulting improvements to front-line guard training.

Module 6: Environmental & Infrastructure Controls

- Protecting critical utility infrastructure.
- Implementing Fire Suppression Systems.
- Monitoring and controlling environmental conditions
- Tamper Detection and physical controls for server racks, cages, and network cabling.
- Case Study: Analyzing a near-disaster where a facility's cooling system failed due to unauthorized access, and how layered physical controls prevented a catastrophic thermal shutdown.

Module 7: Compliance, Auditing, and Governance

- Mapping physical controls to major regulatory frameworks
- Executing periodic Physical Security Audits and Vulnerability Assessments
- Documentation and maintenance of Standard Operating Procedures and evidence for compliance reporting.
- Managing the Supply Chain Risk.
- Case Study: Examination of a post-audit gap analysis, showing how inadequate visitor logging led to a finding against a SOC 2 Security principle and the corrective action plan.

Module 8: Incident Response and Business Continuity

- Developing, documenting, and regularly Testing the Physical Security Incident Response Plan
- Establishing clear communication protocols with law enforcement and emergency services.
- Managing media and public relations during a Physical Breach or major disaster
- Integrating P-SIRP with the overall Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plan.
- Case Study: A lessons-learned review of a facility's response to a localized power grid failure, highlighting the security team's role in securing and activating redundant systems without compromise.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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