

An **'insider'** is a person who exploits, or has the intention to exploit, their legitimate access to an organization's assets or operations for unauthorized purposes.

An insider could be a full-time or part-time employee, a contractor or a business partner. They could deliberately seek to join an organization to conduct an insider act, or may be triggered to act at some point during their employment. Employees may inadvertently trigger security breaches through ignorance of rules, or deliberate non-compliance.

