

Threat brief

A Navy flag officer commented on the persistence of adversarial intent and capability: “The threat vector is 360 degrees, the enemy is ever vigilant probing and collecting 24/7, and our information is constantly at risk, at work and at home. You must be at GQ round the clock.” In order to understand what threats are relevant to your organization, obtain a local threat briefing from the organization’s intelligence representative or Service investigative branch agent (i.e. Navy would contact the Naval Criminal Investigative Service [NCIS]). The presentation should provide actual adversarial intentions and capabilities that need to be emulated in support of the assessment. This brief should be presented prior to the execution phase of the assessment, as it will raise the level of awareness of all personnel. Without this brief, an assessment may focus on erroneous adversary capabilities and portray irrelevant vulnerabilities.