

CISO Board Updates are **not** all the same



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Quarterly Updates
vs **Annual** Briefings

First,

The Quarterly CISO Board Update

Is Quarterly.

It's an “update” that occur every 3 months

→ Because it's a regular interaction, you should deliver a predictable format

You determine the format

→ You're also allowed to revise the format (as needed).

Sample Outline

Quarterly CISO Board Update

- 1 Significant changes since last update
- 2 Industry and threat landscape
- 3 Security and Risk posture
- 4 Program discussion and metrics

They read it. So you don't need to present it.

→ Come prepared to discuss 'something' or 'anticipate' an inquiry.

**And still, you should
practice and over-prepare.**

Next,

The Annual CISO Board Briefing

Once a year
(generally, up to a full hour)

You're the expert teaching other experts

→ So that they can expertly assess the
risk impact and govern the company

Yes, you DO teach. (new concepts & your analysis)

→ And you're expected to connect the dots and operate with the knowledge of company leadership

Sample Outline

Annual CISO Board Briefing

- 1 Emerging trends and threat landscape
- 2 Company's exposure and maturity
- 3 Where we're headed
- 4 Things we want you to know and understand

“Things we want you to know and understand”

- Provide definitions and examples in the **documentation**.
- Discuss the relevance and importance in the **meeting**.

The briefing is crucial.

→ It resets every year.
Use the opportunity.

The Annual CISO Board Briefing

→ Is when you fill in knowledge gaps and re-align the risk profile through shared understanding. Take the time to plan the material and message.

What do you do differently in the Annual CISO **Board Briefing** vs Quarterly **Board Update**



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