

## Secure Innovation & Trusted Research Guidance

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This document aims to give early-stage emerging technology companies and academia the tools to deliver effective protective security, increasing their resilience to threats.

Good security helps protect national security and also protects investments and grants from a range of security threats. As such we require all ARIA funding recipients to take reasonable account of the following guidance outlined below.

If you are a Company you should review the [Secure Innovation](#) requirements below.

If you are a University or part of academia you should review the [Trusted Research](#) requirements below.

This document and the guidance it links to may be updated from time to time so we encourage you to regularly check back.

### Secure Innovation Requirements

Requirement	Supporting Resources
<b>Fundamental Actions</b>	
Identify someone at Board level who is responsible for security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <a href="#">Secure Innovation Quick Start Guide</a></li> <li>+ <a href="#">Passport to Good Security for Senior Executives   NPSA</a></li> <li>+ <a href="#">The Cyber Security Toolkit for Boards   NCSC</a></li> </ul>
Identify the assets which are critical to your business' success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ <a href="#">Secure Innovation Quick Start Guide</a></li> <li>+ <a href="#">Asset Identification Guidance   NPSA</a></li> </ul>

	+ <a href="#">Identifying the critical assets in your organisation   NCSC</a>
Add security risks to your corporate risk register	+ <a href="#">Secure Innovation Quick Start Guide</a> + <a href="#">Secure Innovation scenarios booklet</a> + <a href="#">Risk management   NCSC</a>
Sign up to the NCSC's Early Warning service	+ <a href="#">Early Warning</a>
Undertake NPSA's Secure Innovation Action Plan.	+ <a href="#">Coming soon</a>
Undertake the NCSC's 'Cyber Action Plan' and 'Check your cyber security' service	+ <a href="#">Cyber Action Plan</a> + <a href="#">Check your cyber security.</a>
Attain Cyber Essentials accreditation within six months	+ <a href="#">Cyber Essentials</a>
<b>Strongly Advised Actions</b>	
Conduct background checks on all prospective investors, suppliers and partners	+ <a href="#">Secure Innovation background checks guidance</a>
Implement basic cyber security measures	+ <a href="#">Cyber Security Small Business Guide   NCSC</a>
Implement a travel security policy	+ <a href="#">Secure Innovation travel security guidance</a>
Implement a pre-employment screening process for prospective employees	+ <a href="#">Pre-employment screening good practice guidance   NPSA</a>
<b>Security Incident Management / Response</b>	
Have a clear incident management plan in place that is routinely exercised to test your response to common security threat scenarios	+ <a href="#">Secure Innovation scenarios booklet</a> + <a href="#">Developing your Incident Response plan   NCSC</a> + <a href="#">Exercise in a box   NCSC</a>

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Consider taking out a Cyber Incident Response (CIR) retainer with an NCSC assured provider

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+ [Cyber Incident Response Scheme | NCSC](#)

## Trusted Research Requirements

Requirement	Supporting Resources
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### Fundamental Actions

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Review and implement the NPSA guidance	+ <a href="#">NPSA trusted research guidance</a>
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