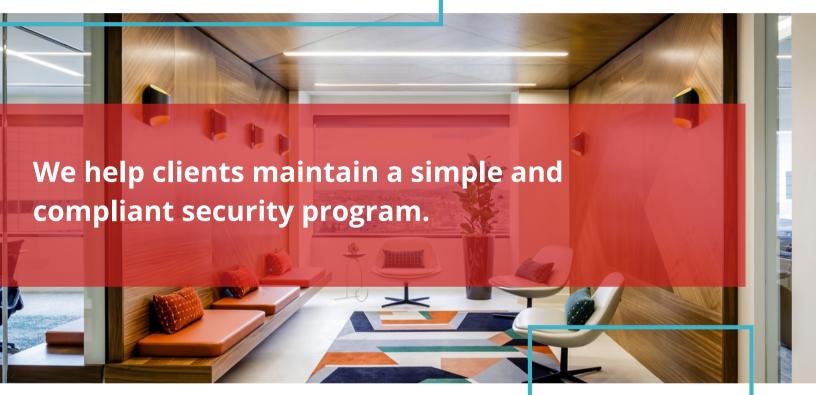
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## PREPARING FOR YOUR COMSEC AUDITS

A COMSEC (Communications Security) audit is a process of evaluating and testing the effectiveness of an organization's communication security measures to ensure the protection of classified information.

The audit is typically conducted by a designated COMSEC custodian or security officer who is responsible for the management of secure communication systems.

The auditor will review the organization's communication security policies, procedures, and practices, including the use of encryption and other security technologies. It's imperative that an organization maintains the proper records at all times. FSO Services can help - we take the guesswork out of compliance to ensure you are meeting requirements.

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Under the continuous evaluation (CE) program, individuals are subjected to ongoing scrutiny, including checks of their criminal records, credit history, and other relevant information. The goal of this continuous monitoring is to identify any potential security risks, such as criminal behavior, drug use, or financial instability, which may make an individual ineligible to hold a security clearance CE is a proactive approach to security clearance monitoring rather than relying simply on periodic investigations. Be sure to check DISS for CE dates on your personnel records.

## **NEW BLOG POST**

Check out our Founder David Touchton's latest blog post, "Learn More About Storage of Classified Documents." David explains the process of handling and storing classified documents. Additionally, he details the different levels of classification and the associated procedures each level carries with it. Read more here: https://bit.ly/3yFncup.

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Overall, the process for determining security clearance eligibility is rigorous and comprehensive, and eligibility is granted only to individuals who have demonstrated the necessary qualifications and trustworthiness to access classified information or secure facilities. The specific eligibility requirements for a security clearance vary depending on the level of clearance required and the agency or organization involved. However, common eligibility requirements include U.S. citizen verification, background check, trustworthiness, foreign influence, substance abuse, and financial history.

Your personnel must complete a clearance application entirely and with accurate information. This may take some time as the application requires ten years of information about education, addresses, friends and relatives, and travel. Employees should contact their FSO with questions or refer to the DCSA FAQ page for more information.