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For Achieving SOC 2 Compliance

Achieving SOC 2 compliance can be an intimidating goal for organizations unfamiliar with the standard or new to information security compliance frameworks. CyberCrest has over 40 years of experience with SOC 2 attestations to help guide your firm in the right direction. Here are five tips organizations should consider when planning for a SOC 2 attestation.



1

Understand the timeline and key milestones for an attestation

There are several informal and formal steps that should be taken to ensure a smooth attestation including but not limited to a readiness assessment, control implementation and observing a formal audit period . Be aware of the level of effort and timing required for each of these milestones and steps.



2

Schedule and complete a readiness assessment well in advance of your attestation goal with the assistance of your auditing CPA firm

A readiness assessment is a critical first step in an organization's path to a successful first time attestation. The sooner the better as it will give your organization the right amount of time to remediate deficiencies uncovered during the readiness assessment.



3

Leverage management system, policy and procedure templates

Upon contracting with **CyberCrest** required documentation templates are provided free of charge. Work with CyberCrest to leverage critical governance, risk and compliance policy templates to save time and costs.

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Understand the Trust Service Principles

Understand the concept of the 5 SOC 2 Trust Service Principles and how they apply to your organization's SOC 2 attestation strategy. The Security TSP is always required however Availability, Confidentiality, Privacy and Processing Integrity are optional and may or may not apply to your organization. **CyberCrest** experts will leverage their experience to guide your organization in the right direction.

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Choose a firm well-versed in remediation support

Not all consultancies provide or excel at remediation support. Many firms desire to keep remediation at arms length as it can be challenging and require deeper expertise. **CyberCrest** excels in remediation support, which is our largest differentiator when compared to most firms. Ensure your preparing firm provides remediation support in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

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