

Top M365 Security and Compliance Risks

Microsoft 365 is the most commonly used cloud office suite in the world. Despite this, it can be notoriously difficult to fully leverage its security, compliance, and governance features.

In this survey, 59 experienced admins shared top concerns and priorities for enhancing security in the M365 suite.

Top Compliance, Security, and Privacy Concerns

Administrative complexity, cost, and licensing restraints can prevent businesses from fully leveraging the security, compliance, and data governance features in M365. However, more than half of all admins cite underlying concerns about general **platform security** as the main problem in M365.

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Top Concerns of M365 Admins



Security

Out of the box, M365 core security capabilities protect and handle perimeter and edge access and data. Administrators cited **unauthorized access** to M365 content as the top area of concern, with 71% saying this is a major problem.

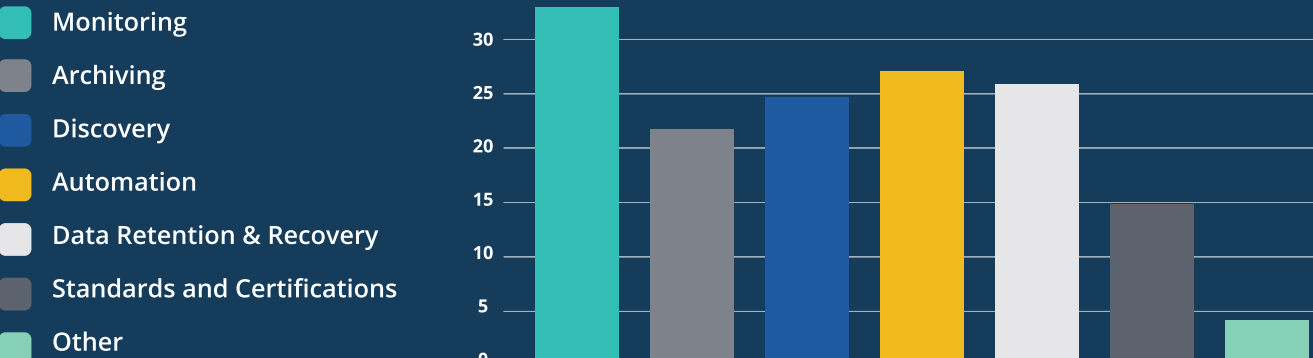
Top M365 Security Concerns

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| #1 Unauthorized Access | #5 Compromised Assets |
| #2 Data Theft / Espionage | #6 Scans or Probes |
| #3 Malware / Malicious Code | #7 Denial of Service |
| #4 Policy Violations | |

Compliance

From HIPAA to FINRA to GDPR, no matter the industry, there's no such thing as an unregulated company anymore. **100% of M365 Admins surveyed** cited two or more priority areas for achieving and maintaining compliance in M365.

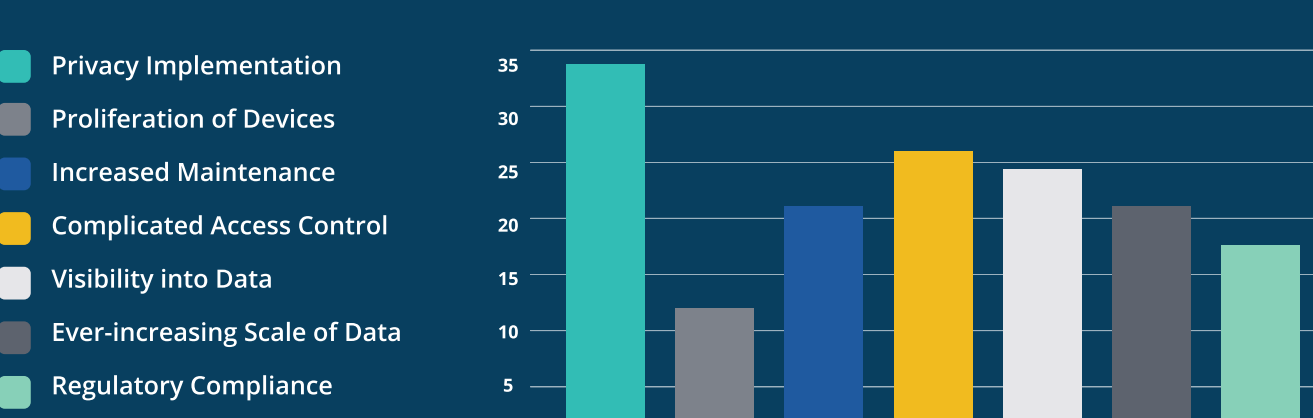
Compliance Priorities in M365



Privacy

Privacy is the outcome of both Compliance and Security controls. An organization must understand its privacy needs and implement specific tools, services, and management. When asked about top privacy concerns, M365 admins identified **seven critical areas of focus** that organizations should consider:

M365 Privacy Concerns

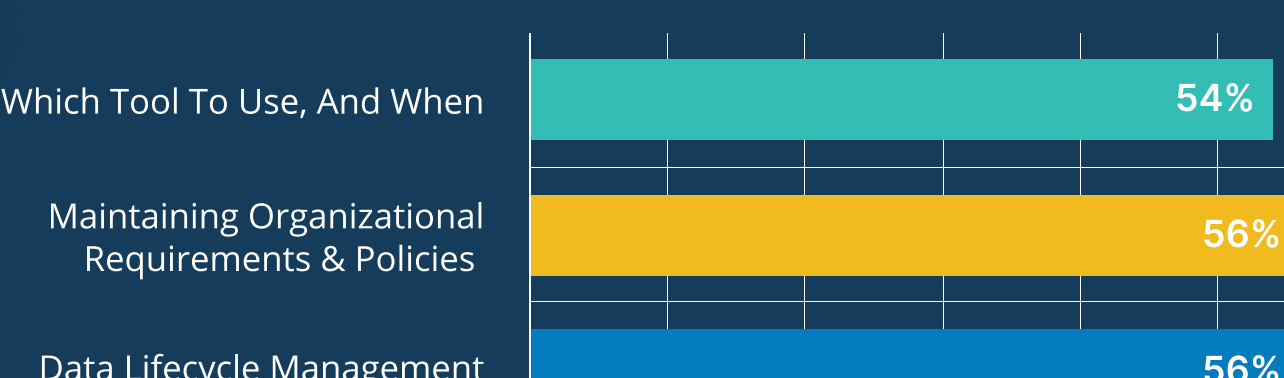


There are so many great features, but where does someone start, let alone finish? I would love to see a step-by-step adoption journey or roadmap to make it easier.

Governance

In M365, Governance is not a single tool or dashboard. It is the people, processes, and technologies that define how data assets may be used and shared. Among their top concerns, M365 admins cited factors such as unclear **cost savings**, **change management**, **app integrations**, and **centralized management**, but three factors rose to the top:

Top 3 Data Governance Concerns



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