



# 10 Signs It's Time to Hire Managed Cybersecurity Support

Today's IT and Security teams are under relentless pressure - juggling limited resources, rising threats, and nonstop demands from the board. If these challenges hit close to home, it's a clear sign it may be time to reinforce your team with managed cybersecurity support.

## Signs Your Team Needs Help

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- 01** *Constant Crisis Mode*

If your team puts aside security projects 3–5 times per week to handle outages or support tickets, critical initiatives like vulnerability scans or incident response rarely move forward.
- 02** *Operational Security Workbacks Up*

When upgrades, policy updates, or tool rollouts aren't progressing weekly or monthly, it's a sign day-to-day demands are overwhelming your team.
- 03** *Last-Minute Compliance Rush*

If regulatory deadlines force last-minute efforts once or twice a year, your compliance process becomes reactive and stressful. This approach also increases your organization's risk.
- 04** *Tool Sprawl is Out of Control*

Managing 5–7 disconnected tools daily creates alert fatigue and increases the chance that real threats are missed.
- 05** *Burnout and Turnover are Rising*

If 44–71% of your team reports burnout or turnover hits 10–20% annually, valuable expertise is leaving, and productivity suffers.

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*Growing Ticket Backlogs*

When unresolved tickets grow 20–30% monthly, critical issues may remain unresolved, increasing exposure risk, creating blind spots and mounting pressure.

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*Security Risks are Mounting*

Critical vulnerabilities that remain unpatched 2–3+ weeks or annual risk assessments indicate your team can't address threats proactively.

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*No Bandwidth to Hire Experts*

If you haven't been able to add specialists for a year or more, outsourcing is often the only way to access needed expertise.

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*Pressure from the Top is Rising*

Executives requesting clearer risk reporting quarterly or more highlights gaps in visibility and team capacity.

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*Strategic Progress is Slowing*

If strategic initiatives, major system upgrades, or long-term security improvements are delayed for quarters at a time, your team is stuck maintaining legacy systems rather than advancing your security posture.

If a few of these signs sound familiar, it's time to consider managed cybersecurity support. A partner like Echelon can take on the specialized, high-effort security functions that drain your team's time and attention.

Our **vCISO-led Security Team as a Service (STaaS)** is designed to be an extension of your team, not just an advisor. We work alongside your staff to strengthen defenses, streamline compliance, and give IT leaders the bandwidth to focus on core priorities.

Don't take our word for it: Explore our **case studies** to see how organizations like yours have reduced stress, created cross-departmental alignment, improved security, and achieved measurable results with Echelon's support.