Adversary simulation preparation worksheet

Record owners, outstanding decisions and unanswered questions for scoping, keeping sensitive details in approved internal records. This worksheet does not authorise testing or assess maturity.

Preparation guide: https://www.silentgrid.com/resources/adversary-readiness

01 Purpose and design

Starting access and defender involvement are separate choices. Record preferences or questions where the design is still to be agreed.

FIELD	NOTES
Business concern, function and decision	
Requirement or decision date	
Objective and acceptable proof	
Starting access and defender involvement	

02 People and dependencies

Name the responsible person or role and any action needed. Keep contact and access details in approved internal records.

RESPONSIBILITY	OWNER AND NEXT ACTION
Sponsor and exercise coordination or Control Group	
Scope authority and required third-party permissions	
System owners: starting access and telemetry	
Defensive team or managed provider: participation and notice	

03 Confirm before execution

Record "Agreed", "Outstanding" or "Not applicable", with an owner or reference. Required authorisation and stop arrangements must be agreed before execution.

ARRANGEMENT	STATUS, OWNER OR REFERENCE
Authorised scope and third-party permissions	
Exclusions, restricted periods and high-risk approvals	
Permitted proof and limits on handling real data	
Pause or stop authority and operator contact	
Operational escalation, real incidents and exercise confirmation	
Starting access, telemetry and defender participation	

04 Findings and follow-up

Discuss follow-up work at scoping; an interest in retesting or replay does not add it to the engagement.

FIELD	NOTES
Executive and technical audiences for debriefs	
Owner for prioritisation and remediation coordination	
Changes to verify and proposed retest or replay	
Questions for a later exercise or program	

Discuss your testing priorities

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