

**Purpose:** To establish standards for locking down critical servers and network appliances

- All servers will run only those services required for server and/or application operation. Access will be restricted to a documented and authorized audience.
- Server location will be physically secure and environmentally sound.
- Password policies for all administrative users on all servers will follow VSC password composition and expiration standards. At no time will a default password be in use.
- Event logging will be enabled on all critical servers, with methods in place to assist in investigating of any potential incidents.
- VSC guidelines for a standard secure environment will be implemented on all critical servers and network appliances. Guidelines available from <http://www.nsa.gov> should be utilized if VSC or vendor-specific applications do not provide their own standards.
- Compliance will be audited on a semi-annual basis by IT Council.

**References:**

VSC Password Policy

**Definitions:**

*Physically secure:* Information is said to be secure if it meets the VSC definition of secure.

*Environmentally sound:* Protected against destruction or damage from physical hazards such as fire or floods, and meeting the environmental standards provided by the vendor.

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