

EXECUTIVE READINESS • BOARD-LEVEL SIMULATION

Board Cyber **Crisis Programme**

Prepare your board to lead through a cyber crisis. A practical executive programme combining:

- Executive workshop
- Tailored cyber crisis case study
- Regulatory simulation
- Executive debrief and recommendations
- Board tabletop exercise
- Media simulation
- Crisis communications coaching

For boards, chairs and non-executive directors, CEOs, executive teams and senior leaders responsible for cyber crisis governance.

Prepared before • Effective during • Stronger after

PROFESSIONALLY FACILITATED BOARD EXPERIENCE

THE CHALLENGE

Cyber crises are now board-level events

A serious cyber incident can rapidly escalate from a technical problem into a full organisational crisis. Within hours, leaders may need to make decisions about customer communications, regulatory notification, legal exposure and reputational risk.

Many boards understand that cyber risk matters. Fewer have practised how they would actually lead through a live cyber crisis. When the pressure is real, the board will be expected to answer fast, difficult and highly visible questions:

Who declares a crisis — and who leads once it is declared?

Who speaks to regulators — and when must you notify?

What do you say to customers, employees, investors and the media?

How do you demonstrate effective governance after the event?

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

A realistic, tailored and high-impact board experience

This programme helps boards and executive teams move beyond cyber awareness and into practical crisis readiness. Participants take part in a structured executive workshop before entering a tailored cyber crisis scenario. As the situation develops, they must respond to operational disruption, stakeholder pressure, regulatory questions and media scrutiny.

The programme is professionally facilitated and designed for senior, non-technical leaders. It creates the "muscle memory" boards need when every decision is time-sensitive and consequential — and can be delivered as a half-day, full-day or modular board development experience, onsite, virtually or hybrid.

Most cyber training is built for technical teams. Most crisis communications training is not cyber-specific. This programme closes the gap at the intersection of **incident response, board governance, regulatory accountability, media pressure and crisis leadership** — in one board-level experience.

Six programme components. One integrated experience.

- 1 Executive cyber crisis workshop**
A board-level briefing on cyber crisis leadership, governance, escalation, decision-making under uncertainty and stakeholder expectations — plus the common leadership failures seen in real cyber crises.

 - 2 Tailored board tabletop exercise**
A realistic cyber crisis scenario designed around your organisation, sector, operating model, risk profile and leadership structure. The scenario unfolds in phases, requiring board-level decisions and escalation under realistic time pressure.

 - 3 Tailored case study**
A bespoke case study reflecting the incidents most relevant to you — ransomware affecting critical operations, a data breach, supply chain compromise, insider threat, or a crisis with public, political or regulatory sensitivity.

 - 4 Media simulation**
Simulated journalist enquiries, breaking news, social media escalation and spokesperson pressure — testing how your leaders protect trust, avoid speculation and maintain message discipline under public scrutiny.

 - 5 Regulatory simulation**
Simulated regulator enquiries, breach-notification decision points, information requests and accountability challenges — tailored to your sector, and testing how the board evidences oversight and structured decision-making.

 - 6 Crisis communications coaching**
Practical coaching on clear, credible and confident communication — board-level messaging, CEO and chair communications, staff and customer updates, regulator-facing statements, and avoiding over-reassurance or inconsistent messaging.
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Every session ends in a facilitated debrief — capturing what worked well, where decision-making slowed down, where roles were unclear, and the priority actions for improvement.

OUTCOMES

What your board will gain

Participants will leave better prepared to:

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- Lead confidently during a cyber crisis
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- Understand board responsibilities and decision points
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- Ask the right questions of technical, legal and communications teams under pressure
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- Coordinate technical, legal, regulatory and communications responses
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- Communicate clearly with staff, customers, regulators, media and stakeholders
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- Identify weaknesses in current plans, processes and assumptions
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- Strengthen board-level cyber governance and resilience
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WHO IT IS FOR

Designed for boards and executive leadership teams

- Board members, chairs and non-executive directors
- General counsel and legal leaders
- Communications and public affairs leaders
- HR and people leaders
- CEOs, managing directors and executive teams
- Risk, compliance and governance leaders
- CIOs, CISOs and technology leaders
- Operations and business continuity leaders

Especially valuable for organisations operating in **regulated, high-trust, public-facing or operationally critical** environments.

DELIVERABLES

What you receive

• Pre-programme discovery and planning	• Bespoke cyber crisis scenario and case study
• Executive workshop materials	• Facilitated board tabletop exercise
• Media and regulatory simulation injects	• Crisis communications coaching
• Cyber Crisis Decision-Making Framework	• Structured post-exercise debrief
• Executive summary report	• Key observations and practical recommendations
• Priority action plan for board cyber crisis readiness	• Optional re-run to evidence improvement over time

PROGRAMME FORMAT

A suggested full-day format in six sessions

SESSION 1 Executive cyber crisis workshop	SESSION 2 Tailored board tabletop exercise	SESSION 3 Media simulation
SESSION 4 Regulatory simulation	SESSION 5 Crisis communications coaching	SESSION 6 Debrief and recommendations

Also available as a half-day or modular board development experience — delivered onsite, virtually or hybrid.

Is your board **ready?**

A cyber crisis is not the moment to work out who decides, who speaks, who reports and who leads.

The Board Cyber Crisis Programme gives your board and executive team a safe, realistic and practical environment to test readiness, strengthen decision-making and improve crisis confidence — before a real incident happens.

Book a Board Cyber Crisis Readiness Consultation

Request the full programme proposal

Speak to our executive training team

One tailored scenario. One integrated board experience. **One prepared leadership team.**