

When the heat is on: physical IS risks hiding in plain sight

Six things that happen when the weather warms up — and how to stop them



1 Propped doors



Fire doors, entry doors, server room doors. One door held open defeats your access control.
Biggest offender in a heatwave.

2 Open windows



Screens visible from outside. Documents on desks. Conversations heard through ground-floor windows — shoulder surfing.

3 Tailgating



A propped or slow-closing door is an open invitation. Nobody challenges someone when it's 30°C and they look like a delivery driver.

4 Roaming workers



Hot desks, cafés, garden offices. Less control over who can see your screen or overhear a call.
Privacy screens help.

5 Heat fatigue



Concentration dips when it's hot. People click links they shouldn't, skip steps they usually follow, and overlook obvious errors.

6 Server room cooling



On-prem kit still overheats. Opening the door "for air" trades cooling for access control. Cloud doesn't fix physical risk entirely.



What to do right now

- ✓ Brief your team
- ✓ Check your door-propping policy
- ✓ Add summer risks to your next awareness session