

# Principles of supply chain security

How to gain and maintain control of your supply chain

The principles are divided into four stages representing the process of securing your supply chain. To find out more visit:  
[www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/supply-chain-security](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/supply-chain-security)

## I. Understand the risks

-  Understand what needs to be protected and why
-  Know who your suppliers are and build an understanding of what their security looks like
-  Understand the security risk posed by your supply chain

## II. Establish control

-  Communicate your view of security risk to your suppliers
-  Set and communicate minimum security requirements for your suppliers
-  Build security considerations into your contracting processes and require that your suppliers do the same
-  Meet your own security responsibilities as a supplier and consumer
-  Raise awareness of security within your supply chain
-  Provide support for security incidents

## III. Check your arrangements

-  Build assurance activities into your approach to managing your supply chain

## IV. Continuous improvement

-  Encourage the continuous improvement of security within your supply chain
-  Build trust with suppliers



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