Boardrooms at Risk from Videoconferencing Hacks?

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Are high profile boardrooms at risk from eavesdropping hackers via their videoconferencing systems? Security firm Rapid7 believes so, explaining its reasons to the New York Times.

According to Rapid7, thousands of businesses invest in top-quality videoconferencing units only to set them up "on the cheap," outside company firewalls with little security.

A number of conferencing system features (like auto-answer) can allow intruders to listen to conversations where important business decisions are taking place. Even worse, some companies simply take a "short cut" by not bothering to install gatekeeper measures.

Rapid7 tested systems from vendors including Polycom, Cisco, LifeSize and Sony (amongst others) belonging to big clients such as Goldman Sachs. Most of the latest systems are designed with visual and audio clarity in mind-- but not security.

In other words, even the biggest and most important companies should be taking more care of their security. Keep that in mind with your customers.

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