

Operational Hygiene

Institutionalize behaviors that minimize human error and endpoint compromise across daily operations.

- Device inventory and role separation (admin vs. user).
- Password manager and hardware security keys.
- Training cadence and phishing drills.

- 1) Isolate signing devices; no web browsing or email on them.
- 2) Enforce strong authentication (hardware keys); disable SMS 2FA.
- 3) Standardize firmware/app updates—only from verified sources; delay non-security updates.
- 4) Establish code phrases and out-of-band checks for approvals.
- 5) Maintain logs and peer reviews for sensitive actions.

- Malware on laptops is the most common failure—keep signing air-gapped.
- Approval fatigue leads to rubber stamping—rotate duties and set limits.
- Phishing adapts—train with realistic scenarios; verify URLs and signatures.

- Hardware security keys (FIDO2)
- Password manager with org controls
- **Coldcard** + **Nunchuk** for constrained, auditable signing flows

Monthly drills; quarterly refresher training; periodic red team exercises.