

<u>Purpose</u>: To define and standardize basic security policy configurations for various VITA technologies intended to be deployed in Production environments.

Instructions for the Use of hardening standards:	 VITA Security Baseline Standards are designed to safeguard the security of a system, and to protect data a system stores and processes. Exceptions to these standards may be required in order to meet business needs. Because these standards may inhibit or prevent the system from performing required functions, they must be evaluated in a test environment before deployment.
	Do Not apply these standards to a system already in production without first evaluating them in a test environment.

VITA has adopted various Benchmarks established by the Center for Internet Security (<u>www.cisecurity.org</u>) as its Security Baseline Standard for various technologies, which are located in VITA's SharePoint SEC work unit intranet site for available Security Baseline Configuration Standards.