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SECURITY SERIES

SEC-02 Know What You're Showing

The analytical process that tells you what you're exposing — and to whom.

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT

Most people have a security posture. Very few run a security process. OPSEC is not a VPN, a password manager, or a privacy setting — it is an analytical cycle. SEC-02 teaches the complete five-step method: identify what you're protecting, name your actual adversary, map which of your behaviors they can collect, score the risk, and select countermeasures that match the threat.

WHY THIS MATTERS

OPSEC was formalized after the PURPLE DRAGON study found that the North Vietnamese were not breaking American codes — they were reading American operational patterns. The enemy did not need secrets. They needed predictability, and the Americans provided it. An adversary who can read your patterns does not need your messages. This course teaches you to see your own patterns before they do.

▶ **The OPSEC cycle is a prerequisite for SEC-06 Applied OPSEC and for any group-level security planning. Complete the five-step process here first.**

THE SEVEN LESSONS

SEC-02-01	**What OPSEC Actually Is** The analytical process defined — how it differs from privacy tools, secrecy maximalism, and one-time checklists
SEC-02-02	**The Five-Step Process** Why the sequence is non-negotiable and what breaks when steps are skipped or reversed
SEC-02-03	**Building Your Critical Information List** The adversary-first method for constructing a CIL of specific facts, not categories
SEC-02-04	**Threat Analysis — Who Is Watching** The three-part test for a credible threat; OSINT, HUMINT, physical, and technical collection methods
SEC-02-05	**Indicators and Vulnerabilities** Signatures, associations, and profiles — the intersection test that separates indicators from actual vulnerabilities
SEC-02-06	**Risk Assessment** Probability × Impact × Timeliness: a scoring method that produces a prioritized action list
SEC-02-07	**Countermeasures and the Continuous Cycle** Selecting countermeasures matched to the collection method — and restarting the cycle when conditions change

HOW EACH LESSON WORKS

Doctrine first	OPSEC doctrine from JP 3-13.3, AR 530-1, and the PURPLE DRAGON case. You learn why the process works, not just what the steps are.
Applied to your life	MAG vetting, household security planning, supply run security, digital footprint management — every concept applied to realistic preparedness scenarios.
Knowledge checks	Questions test application, not recall. Right answers include the reasoning. Wrong answers send you back to the relevant section.
Prerequisites	None required. Self-contained. Completion is the prerequisite for SEC-06 Applied OPSEC.