



## 3 BASIC TYPES OF SOCIAL ENGINEERING TACTICS



### IN-PERSON SOCIAL ENGINEERING TACTICS

THE MOST COMMON TACTICS USED TO GAIN ACCESS, GATHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND PLANT DEVICES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- OPEN ACCESS** - When someone uses or requests to use your computer for whatever reason and they're left unmonitored. This often comes as a troubleshooting request for support.
- OPEN DOOR** - When you leave your door open at your company and someone slips through.
- ROGUE EMPLOYEE** - When a malicious employee is hired with the purpose of gaining on-site access.
- THE CABLE GUY** - When someone pretends to be a service technician of some kind (DSTV, phone, electrician, etc.) to gain access to your business.
- BAR HOPPING** - When someone buys you drinks to extract information from you as you get drunk. Some people tend to do more talking when drinking.
- DEVICE LEAVE BEHIND** - When someone leaves behind a device laying around that tempts others to plug-in and open. Like a music CD, flash drive, or another common storage device.
- SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION** - When someone learns about about your social practices and uses social relationships to gain your trust.
- NEURO-LINGUISTIC PROGRAMMING** - When someone mirrors body language, voice and vocabulary to build a connection on a subconscious level. Usually touchy-feely.



### THE GOOD NEWS

THERE ARE FACTORS THAT CAN DECREASE THE PROBABILITY OF A SOCIAL ENGINEERING ATTACK

- Employee Training
- Extensive Use of Encryption
- Control Employee Access to Data
- Create BYOD Policies
- Implement Firewall Security



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