



ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE

Economic espionage is the act of knowingly targeting or acquiring trade secrets to benefit any foreign government, foreign instrumentality, or foreign agent.

FBI field offices offer counterintelligence training sessions, awareness seminars, and other useful information to help industry partners mitigate economic espionage.

KNOW THE SIGNS

- Working odd hours without authorization
- Taking proprietary information home without authorization
- Unnecessarily copying material
- Disregarding company policies on personal software and hardware
- Accessing restricted websites
- Downloading confidential material
- Conducting unauthorized research

PERSONAL BEHAVIORS

- Unexplained short trips to foreign countries
- Engaging in suspicious personal contacts with competitors, business partners or unauthorized individuals
- Buying items they normally cannot afford
- Overwhelmed by life crises or career disappointments
- Showing concern about being investigated

COMMON FACTORS

- Financial need
- Greed
- Unhappiness in the workplace
- Different allegiances to another company or country
- Drug/Alcohol abuse
- Vulnerability to blackmail
- Job offers from other organizations

Targeted Industries or Sectors

- Information and communication technology
- Business information that pertains to supplies of scarce natural resources or that provides global actors an edge in negotiations with U.S. businesses or the U.S. government
- Military technologies (marine systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, and aerospace/aeronautic technologies)
- Civilian and dual-use technologies in fast-growing sectors (clean energy, health care and pharmaceuticals, and agricultural technology)

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