



# BASELINE CONFIGURATION STANDARD CHECK



## Standard Checks

Strong baselines ensure consistency, minimize risk, and remove uncertainty. Here are quick checks:

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| 1. <b>Identity Configuration</b>           | Confirm identity settings match your documented baseline.<br><br><i>“If I compared today’s identity settings to our baseline, would they line up?”</i>               |
| 2. <b>Endpoint Security Settings</b>       | Validate security policies, update settings, and protections across devices.<br><br><i>“Are all devices truly following the same enforced standard?”</i>             |
| 3. <b>Cloud Configuration Standards</b>    | Ensure cloud deployments follow approved templates and guardrails.<br><br><i>“Did every recent deployment follow the template — or did exceptions slip through?”</i> |
| 4. <b>Legacy &amp; Unused Contacts</b>     | Remove default, unused, or legacy accounts outside the baseline.<br><br><i>“Can I confidently say there are no stale or risky accounts left?”</i>                    |
| 5. <b>Logging &amp; Alerting Alignment</b> | Verify logging and alerting match your monitoring baseline.<br><br><i>“If something broke today, would our alerts catch it?”</i>                                     |

## Next Steps

By enforcing these configuration standards regularly, you strengthen consistency, reduce risk, and maintain a clean operational foundation. **Document your findings, update your baseline as needed, and address gaps promptly.**

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