5 SIGNS YOUR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM HAS "DRIFT"

Compliance drift happens when policies, controls, and processes slowly fall out of sync with business operations, creating hidden risks long before an audit reveals them.

CONTROLS EXIST ONLY ON PAPER

Policies are documented, but security controls are inconsistently implemented or rarely verified.

Watch for:

- Outdated procedures
- Unverified control effectiveness
- Audit-only compliance efforts

EVIDENCE COLLECTION IS A LAST-MINUTE RUSH

Teams scramble before audits because evidence isn't collected continuously.

Watch for:

- Manual screenshots
- Missing documentation
- Duplicate evidence requests

DIFFERENT TEAMS GIVE DIFFERENT ANSWERS

Compliance, security, IT, and business teams report conflicting control ownership or status.

Watch for:

- No single source of truth
- Ownership confusion
- Inconsistent reporting

BUSINESS CHANGES FASTER THAN COMPLIANCE

Cloud migrations, new vendors, AI tools, and applications are adopted before governance catches up.

Watch for:

- Unassessed assets
- Shadow IT
- Unreviewed third parties

FINDINGS KEEP REAPPEARING

The same audit observations or security gaps return because root causes remain unresolved.

Watch for:

- Repeat audit findings
- Weak remediation tracking
- No continuous monitoring

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