

## Report on Patient Privacy Volume 23, Number 2. February 09, 2023 Security Checklist: Safeguarding Common Tools

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HHS Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3) is warning health care organizations that several widely used tools—including Cobalt Strike and PowerShell—can be turned against users' own infrastructure and is outlining a series of actions organizations can take to combat these tactics.<sup>[1]</sup>

These tools represent what HC3 said were "especially challenging security issues" because "mitigating the risk associated with them is not as simple as deploying a patch or reconfiguring an application," and "several of [the security tools] are resident on common systems, making them even more challenging to detect when used maliciously."

Other potentially abused tools cited by HC3 include:

- Sysinternals—an advanced system utilities tool
- AnyDesk—remote desktop software
- Brute Ratel—a customized command and control center for red team and adversary simulation

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