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From the **Towerwall** Team

Artificial intelligence is no longer an emerging topic. It is already embedded across business operations, often in ways organizations do not fully see or control.

This month's edition focuses on a challenge we are seeing across industries: AI adoption is accelerating faster than governance.

From shadow AI usage to procurement strategy and evolving regulatory expectations, security leadership is being asked to balance innovation with visibility, control, and accountability.

In this edition, we share practical insight, leadership perspective, and real-world considerations to help organizations move forward with clarity.

News & Community

A 5-Step Approach to **Taming Shadow AI**

In his recent article, **Greg Neville** outlines a structured approach to one of the fastest-growing risks organizations face today: **shadow AI**.

As AI tools become more accessible, employees across departments are using them to improve productivity, often without formal oversight or governance. The result is increased risk exposure, including data leakage, compliance gaps, and reduced visibility into how sensitive information is being used.

Greg's approach focuses on five key actions:

- **Uncover and inventory AI usage** across the organization to establish visibility
- **Standardize risk assessment** using recognized frameworks like NIST
- **Implement layered defenses** that combine people, process, and technology
- **Enforce human oversight** for AI-driven outputs and decision-making
- **Translate risk management into business value**, aligning security with operational outcomes

The core takeaway is clear: Shadow AI is not a theoretical risk. It is already present in most organizations.

The goal is not to restrict innovation, but to ensure that adoption happens with the right level of visibility, governance, and control.

[Read the full article](#)

Trending

Anthropic, AI Acceleration, and What It Means for Security

Recent developments around Anthropic and the broader AI market **are accelerating conversations** across the industry.

But the real shift isn't just model capability. **It's accessibility.**

Powerful AI tools are now in the hands of non-technical users across organizations, often without security teams involved in how they're being used. **This creates a different kind of risk:**

- Business users interacting with AI in production environments
- Sensitive data being shared through prompts and integrations
- Limited visibility into how AI tools are actually being used day-to-day

This is how shadow AI expands, quietly and quickly.

As AI capabilities continue to evolve, the challenge for leadership is not whether to adopt these tools, but **how to establish visibility and governance before risk outpaces control.**

Valuable Insight:

AWS Marketplace & Private Offers: A Strategic Advantage for Security Leaders

As organizations continue to invest heavily in cloud infrastructure, how they procure cybersecurity solutions is becoming just as important as the solutions themselves.

At Towerwall, our role as an **AWS Marketplace CPPO** (Consulting Partner Private Offer) partner enables organizations to procure cybersecurity solutions directly through AWS, aligning security investments with existing enterprise agreements and cloud commitments.

For organizations with large AWS environments, this creates several advantages:

- Streamlined procurement through an existing vendor relationship
- Ability to apply purchases toward committed AWS spend
- Faster adoption of security technologies without additional vendor friction

In practice, this capability is increasingly becoming a differentiator, particularly for organizations in healthcare, biotech, and enterprise environments where AWS investment is already significant.

Security is no longer just about selecting the right tools. It is also about enabling the right procurement pathways to support **scalable, efficient adoption**.

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AWS CPPO partnership



Featured Article

Pause Before You Click: A Simple Habit That Prevents Real Risk

In a recent post, Michelle Drolet shared a reminder that feels simple, but remains one of the most effective defenses against modern threats.

Attackers are increasingly using familiar platforms like DocuSign to create convincing phishing emails. These messages appear legitimate, include recognizable branding, and prompt users to act quickly.

The risk is not technical complexity; it is urgency.


A single click can lead to credential theft, unauthorized access, or malware installation. The discipline is simple:

- Do not act on unexpected requests without verification
- Treat urgency as a signal to pause, not react
- Follow internal processes before taking action

Security awareness is no longer just training but a **daily habit**.

[Follow Michelle Drolet on LinkedIn](#)

for ongoing security insights



Compliance & Regulatory Update: AI Governance Is Becoming a Business Requirement

As AI adoption accelerates, regulatory and compliance expectations are evolving alongside it. Organizations are now being asked to demonstrate:

- Visibility into how AI is being used internally
- Control over what data is being shared with AI systems
- Oversight of outputs that influence business decisions
- Accountability for third-party AI embedded in vendor platforms

In response to these shifts, Towerwall is introducing a structured **AI services bundle** designed to help organizations operationalize AI governance. This includes:

- Executive and team-level AI training
- Policy development and updates aligned with evolving standards
- Identification of shadow AI usage across environments
- Third-party AI risk assessments for vendor ecosystems
- Comprehensive AI risk assessments tailored to organizational needs

AI governance is quickly moving from a best practice to an expectation. Organizations that establish structure early will be better positioned to adopt AI securely and at scale.

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to learn how your organization can approach
AI governance with clarity and control.

Events

BrightTalk Session: Why AI and Quantum Will Force You to Use 25-Character Passwords

As AI and quantum computing continue to evolve, traditional assumptions about password security are being challenged.

In this upcoming BrightTalk session, **Roger Grimes** (KnowBe4 CISO Advisor) and **Michelle Drolet** (Towerwall CEO) will explore:

- How AI is accelerating password-cracking capabilities
- Why traditional password complexity may no longer be sufficient

- What organizations should do now to strengthen authentication strategies

The session focuses on **practical implications** and real-world defense strategies as emerging technologies reshape the threat landscape.

 **Today! April 23, 12:00 PM**

[Register for the Session](#)

Leading Through AI Risk

Artificial intelligence is reshaping how organizations operate. It is also reshaping how risk behaves. The challenge for leadership is not whether to adopt AI, but how to adopt it with clarity, visibility, and control.

Organizations that succeed will not be the ones that move the fastest, but the ones that move deliberately, with governance aligned to innovation.

At Towerwall, we remain focused on helping organizations navigate that balance, enabling secure adoption while strengthening long-term resilience.

Thank you for being part of our **cybersecurity community**.

— The Towerwall Team

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About Towerwall

Towerwall is a **trusted, woman-owned information security partner** serving organizations across industries including healthcare, retail, education, technology, and financial services. For over 30 years, our mission has been to help organizations operationalize security, achieve compliance, and protect what matters most.



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