Managing Your Security Awareness Career

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Where to begin...

When I was a child I thought I would be....

A Writer

A Concert Pianist

Instead, I became...

A Security Awareness Professional!
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Where to begin...

And so...

the ADVENTURE begins.
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Navigating Manager changes...

"Yes, so if you could run ahead and make sure you do that, it would be great."

- Reactive
- Proactive
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Ask yourself “What do I want? What’s important to me?”...
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Deciding when to make a change...
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Learnings along the way...

1. Image of a person shouting.
2. Image of a person reading a book.
3. Image of a hand holding a speech bubble with the text "I love my job.
4. Image of a letter saying "Dear Past, thank you for all the lessons. Dear Future, I am ready."
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Surviving your bosses and building a career

- Don’t chicken out when you have a chance to shine, present or get in front of a senior leader
- Your career is all about you, but don’t come across to key people in your potential network as “It’s all about me”
- Focus on the positive. Don’t let the negative overwhelm you.

Remember that bosses come and go – especially in cyber security
Focus on the building blocks available for your career – work around difficult managers

Build a big network of people who will have your back
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Action Items for you

1. Add personal development to your plate
2. List 3-5 items that will add value to your program – present these as a WIIFM for your manager, then state what you need to make it happen

3. Make strong alliances with people outside your manager who can both help you navigate if the boss is bad and help you move in a different direction if needed.

4. If there are no escalators open for you anymore and the boss is Bad Boss #3 – The Sequel to the Sequel, then get a good recruiter.
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Education that has made all the difference...

Top 5 Educational items that changed my Security Awareness world...

1. SANS Boot Camp Essentials
2. SANS Mgmt 433 – Building a Security Awareness Program
3. Leading Change by John Kotter
4. Pursuing non-security related creative outlets
5. Learning from and benchmarking with my peers

Top 2 items on my “Wish List”...

1. B.F. Fogg workshop
2. Training around OSINT and Security Awareness
Questions?