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Hardened Server Core: Ownership and Exception Exception Register

Fill in before the first server reaches production.

EVIDENCE BOUNDARY Source-verified, not independently captured. Microsoft-documented items are abbreviated from from Microsoft's November 17, 2026 announcement; nothing here was installed or tested. gpresult and RSOP report these report these settings as Not Configured, so use the scoring tool, with its documented limits.

LAYER AND MICROSOFT-DOCUMENTED ITEMS	ENFORCING SOURCE	MANAGEMENT OWNER	WORKLOAD DEPENDENCY	EVIDENCE OF STATE	EXCEPTION
Identity and authentication Kerberos over NTLM, LSASS protection, strong passwords and lockout	*Identify and verify*			*Scoring tool, not not gpresult*	
Network exposure SMB signing and encryption, firewall on in every profile, legacy name resolution off	*Identify and verify*			*Scoring tool, not not gpresult*	
Cryptography Modern TLS cipher suites, hybrid ML-KEM key exchange, strong stored-key protection	*Identify and verify*			*Scoring tool, not gpresult*	
Privilege and admin access Admin approval for elevation, powerful rights stay with Administrators, no Guest sign-in	*Identify and verify*			*Scoring tool, not gpresult*	
Platform and code integrity Microsoft-signed sign-in code, stricter signature validation, encrypted paging file	*Identify and verify*			*Scoring tool, not gpresult*	
Remote access and observability RDP with NLA and TLS, WinRM without Basic or Digest, command-line audit, script block logging	*Identify and verify*			*Scoring tool, not gpresult*	

Microsoft-documented items are abbreviated, not a full inventory. Enforcing source: image, OSConfig, Group Policy, another management tool, or a workload-specific configuration.

EXCEPTION RECORD · one per relaxed setting

SETTING	OWNER	WORKLOAD REQUIREMENT REQUIREMENT	EVIDENCE OF RESULTING RESULTING STATE	REASSESSMENT DATE (REQUIRED)