

# **ISO/IEC 19770-1 Lead Auditor Guide: Tackling the Top 100 Non-Conformities**

A comprehensive roadmap for identifying, addressing, and fixing common audit failures to ensure successful ISO/IEC 19770-1 certification and compliance.

## Introduction

ISO/IEC 19770-1 provides a comprehensive framework for IT Asset Management (ITAM), emphasizing the importance of managing IT assets efficiently and securely. Achieving ISO/IEC 19770-1 certification is crucial for organizations looking to optimize asset management processes, mitigate risks, and ensure compliance with industry standards.

However, during audits, organizations often face common non-conformities that can lead to delays in certification or additional costs. These non-conformities, if not addressed, can significantly hinder the progress of an organization's ITAM initiatives.

This document outlines 100 of the most common audit failures organizations encounter during an ISO/IEC 19770-1 audit. For each failure, we provide insightful solutions based on best practices, ensuring that your organization can close the gaps and align with ISO/IEC 19770-1 requirements effectively.

### Objectives of This Guide

- **Identify common non-conformities** organizations face during ISO/IEC 19770-1 audits.
- Provide **practical solutions** to address and rectify non-conformities.
- **Increase compliance readiness** by aligning your asset management practices with ISO/IEC 19770-1 standards.
- Enable continuous **improvement of ITAM processes** to support future audits and certifications.
- Help your organization achieve and maintain **ISO/IEC 19770-1 certification** with confidence.

## Who Should Use This Guide?

- **ISO/IEC 19770-1 Lead Auditors** looking to prepare for certification audits or internal reviews.
- **IT Asset Managers and Compliance Teams** striving for ISO/IEC 19770-1 certification or looking to improve asset management processes.
- **CIOs, CTOs, and Procurement Teams** who are responsible for managing IT assets and aligning them with regulatory and compliance frameworks.
- **IT Consultants and Advisors** helping organizations navigate the ISO/IEC 19770-1 certification process.

## How to Use This Guide

This guide is divided into **10 sections**, each focusing on a specific category of common non-conformities related to **ISO/IEC 19770-1**. For each non-conformity, the following format is used:

- **Clause:** The specific clause from ISO/IEC 19770-1 that the non-conformity pertains to.
- **What's Going Wrong:** A description of the common issue organizations face related to the non-conformity.
- **Why It Matters During an Audit:** Explanation of why this non-conformity can impact your audit and certification process.
- **How to Fix It:** Actionable solutions that can be implemented to address the non-conformity and ensure compliance.
- **Real-World Result:** A tangible outcome that results from addressing the non-conformity.

## 1. No Formal IT Asset Management Policy

✦ **Clause:** 5.1 – Leadership and Commitment

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Many organizations do not have a formal, documented policy for IT Asset Management (ITAM). This leads to inconsistent processes and unclear governance.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a documented ITAM policy to ensure a structured approach to asset management. Auditors expect to see clear leadership commitment and alignment with organizational objectives.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop and document a formal ITAM policy that includes asset identification, procurement, and disposal procedures.
- ✓ Align the policy with organizational goals and ensure it is endorsed by top management.
- ✓ Regularly review and update the policy to adapt to changes in the business environment.

### **Real-World Result:**

A formal ITAM policy establishes clear roles and processes, improving compliance and creating a foundation for ongoing improvements.

## 2. Incomplete or Outdated Asset Inventory

✦ **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Inventory Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Asset inventories are often incomplete or outdated, leading to discrepancies between the actual assets and what's recorded in the system.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires organizations to maintain an accurate and up-to-date asset inventory. Inaccurate records can lead to financial misreporting and compliance issues.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement an automated asset discovery tool to track assets in real-time.
- ✓ Regularly update the asset register and reconcile it with physical assets.
- ✓ Assign ownership for asset records and review inventory accuracy quarterly.

**Real-World Result:**

An accurate asset inventory improves compliance with ISO/IEC 19770-1, enhances asset traceability, and reduces audit risks.

**3. No Clear Roles and Responsibilities for ITAM**

🚩 **Clause:** 5.3 – Organizational Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities

**What's Going Wrong:**

Roles and responsibilities for IT Asset Management (ITAM) are often not well-defined, resulting in confusion about who is accountable for asset tracking and compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires clear documentation of roles and responsibilities for asset management to ensure accountability. Lack of clarity can result in audit discrepancies and inefficiencies.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Define and document roles for each stage of the asset lifecycle (e.g., procurement, asset tracking, disposal).
- ✓ Use a **RACI matrix** (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, and Informed) to clarify ownership of ITAM tasks.
- ✓ Ensure all employees involved in ITAM activities are trained on their responsibilities.

**Real-World Result:**

Clear role definition improves communication, reduces errors, and helps ensure compliance during audits.

**4. Uncontrolled Software License Usage**

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software Asset Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software licenses are not tracked or monitored properly, leading to overuse, underuse, or non-compliance with licensing agreements.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires organizations to have a controlled approach to software license management. Failure to track software usage increases the risk of compliance violations and penalties.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement software license metering tools to track usage.
- ✓ Regularly reconcile software installations with license entitlements.
- ✓ Establish a process for software procurement and distribution to ensure compliance from the outset.

**Real-World Result:**

Better software license compliance, optimized costs, and reduced risk of vendor audits and penalties.

**5. Inadequate Risk Management for IT Assets**

📌 **Clause:** 6.1 – Actions to Address Risks and Opportunities

**What's Going Wrong:**

Risk management for IT assets is either informal or not documented, leading to unaddressed vulnerabilities and inefficiencies.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes the need for risk management to ensure that assets are safeguarded against threats, such as unauthorized access, theft, or damage.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Identify and assess risks associated with IT assets (e.g., data loss, software piracy).
- ✓ Implement risk mitigation measures and assign responsible parties for managing risks.
- ✓ Review and update risk management procedures regularly.

**Real-World Result:**

A proactive risk management approach reduces vulnerabilities, increases asset protection, and strengthens overall compliance.

## 6. No Clear Process for Software and Hardware Disposal

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement of Assets

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Disposal processes for hardware and software are either non-existent or poorly defined, leading to potential data security breaches or environmental compliance issues.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a secure and documented process for asset disposal. Failure to properly manage asset disposal could result in data breaches or environmental fines.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a formal asset disposal policy, including secure data destruction practices.
- ✓ Use certified e-waste recycling vendors for disposal and obtain certificates of destruction.
- ✓ Ensure that assets are tracked until the disposal process is completed.

### **Real-World Result:**

Secure disposal practices mitigate data risks, ensure environmental compliance, and strengthen the organization's reputation.

## 7. No Regular Internal Audits of ITAM Processes

 **Clause:** 9.2 – Internal Audit

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Internal audits of ITAM processes are infrequent or not performed, making it difficult to identify gaps or inefficiencies in asset management practices.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 mandates regular internal audits to assess the effectiveness of the ITAM system and ensure continuous improvement.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Schedule regular internal audits of ITAM processes to identify non-conformities.
- ✓ Use internal audits as an opportunity to refine policies and procedures.
- ✓ Track audit findings and corrective actions to ensure continual improvement.

**Real-World Result:**

Proactive audits help catch non-conformities early and enhance compliance over time.

**8. Lack of User Training on Asset Management Policies**

 **Clause:** 7.3 – Awareness

**What's Going Wrong:**

Employees are not trained on ITAM policies, leading to inconsistent handling of assets, from procurement to disposal.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires awareness and competency across the organization to ensure that ITAM policies are followed correctly.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Provide regular ITAM training to all relevant stakeholders.
- ✓ Include ITAM policy education in the onboarding process for new employees.
- ✓ Conduct periodic refresher courses to reinforce best practices.

**Real-World Result:**

Employee awareness improves adherence to ITAM processes, reducing errors and strengthening compliance.

**9. No Defined Software Reallocation Process**

📌 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software Asset Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

When employees leave or change roles, software licenses are not properly reallocated or reassigned, leading to wasted entitlements.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes the need for effective license management. Failing to reallocate unused licenses results in unnecessary costs and audit discrepancies.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a formal process to track software license reallocation.
- ✓ Use an automated tool to check for unused or underused licenses.
- ✓ Ensure that all software licenses are reassigned or decommissioned during employee offboarding.

**Real-World Result:**

Better software cost management, improved compliance, and optimized license usage.

**10. No Asset Recovery Process for Leased Equipment**

📌 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

**What's Going Wrong:**

Leased equipment, such as laptops or servers, is not tracked for timely return at the end of the leasing period, leading to asset losses or untracked liabilities.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that leased assets be included in the asset management system and properly tracked through their lifecycle. Failure to do so could result in untracked costs and missing assets.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process to track leased assets, including due return dates.
- ✓ Include asset recovery as part of the offboarding process for employees.
- ✓ Regularly review lease agreements and ensure timely return of leased equipment.

**Real-World Result:**

Reduced costs, improved asset control, and stronger vendor relations.

**11. No Clear Process for Handling Orphaned or Unused Software**

✦ **Clause:** 8.3 – Software Asset Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Unused or orphaned software (software that is not associated with a user or business unit) is not properly tracked or removed from the system, leading to waste.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes software lifecycle management. Unused software can lead to unnecessary costs, security risks, and compliance gaps.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Periodically audit software usage to identify and remove unused or

orphaned software.

- ✓ Implement a software usage monitoring tool that can flag unused applications.
- ✓ Create a policy for the proper disposal or reassignment of unused software.

**Real-World Result:**

Lower software costs, improved license compliance, and reduced operational risk.

## 12. No Record of Asset Ownership Changes

📌 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

**What's Going Wrong:**

When assets are transferred between departments or owners, the changes are not documented, leading to confusion and accountability issues.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires clear documentation of asset ownership for effective tracking and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement an asset transfer log for all movements of assets between departments or users.
- ✓ Use asset management software to track ownership changes and assign responsibilities.
- ✓ Review asset ownership records during routine audits to ensure they are up to date.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset tracking, better accountability, and smoother audits.

## 13. No Integration Between ITAM and Change Management Processes

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.5 – Maintenance and Modification

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Changes to IT infrastructure or assets (e.g., upgrades, reconfigurations) are made without updating the ITAM system, leading to discrepancies in asset records.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires the integration of asset management processes with change management to maintain accurate records and prevent asset mismanagement.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Ensure that all asset changes are logged in the ITAM system.
- ✓ Integrate ITAM with change management tools to automatically update asset records.
- ✓ Train teams to follow a standardized process for reporting changes to IT assets.

### **Real-World Result:**

Improved asset visibility, more accurate records, and streamlined change management.

## 14. Lack of Asset Lifecycle Control for Cloud Assets

✦ **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Cloud-based assets are not treated with the same rigor as physical assets.

There is no clear lifecycle process for provisioning, monitoring, and decommissioning cloud resources.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, including virtual and cloud-based resources, be fully managed through their lifecycle. This ensures better control and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement lifecycle management processes for cloud-based assets.
- ✓ Use cloud management tools to track resource usage and decommissioning.
- ✓ Establish protocols for the procurement, assignment, and retirement of cloud assets.

**Real-World Result:**

Better cloud asset management, improved compliance, and optimized cloud spending.

## 15. Inadequate Controls for Unmanaged IT Assets

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

**What's Going Wrong:**

Some assets, such as those brought in by employees (BYOD) or those provisioned by departments outside of IT, are not included in the asset management system.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires comprehensive tracking of all assets. Unmanaged assets pose security risks and can lead to compliance failures.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement policies for tracking and managing all devices, including

BYOD.

- ✓ Use automated tools to detect and manage unmanaged assets.
- ✓ Include all assets in the asset inventory, regardless of how they were procured.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset control and reduced risk from unmanaged devices.

## 16. No Defined Process for Software License Procurement

✦ **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software is procured without a standardized process, leading to inconsistent licensing agreements, missed renewals, and overspending.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a standardized approach to software procurement to ensure that software usage is compliant with licensing agreements.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a formal procurement process for all software purchases.
- ✓ Ensure that all software licenses are reviewed by ITAM before purchase.
- ✓ Track software renewals and updates through automated reminders.

**Real-World Result:**

Optimized software procurement, reduced costs, and ensured license compliance.

## 17. No Documentation for Asset Disposal Process

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are disposed of without documentation, leading to data security risks and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, including retired or disposed assets, be handled securely and in compliance with data protection regulations.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Create a formal asset disposal process that includes secure data destruction.
- ✓ Use certified disposal vendors and retain certificates of destruction.
- ✓ Document the entire disposal process, including asset details and disposal dates.

### **Real-World Result:**

Reduced risk of data breaches and compliance violations.

## 18. No Software Reconciliation After System Upgrades

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Software installations are not reconciled after system upgrades or changes, leading to mismatches between licensed software and actual installations.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires regular software reconciliation to ensure that license usage matches the organization's entitlements.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process for reconciling software licenses after system upgrades or changes.
- ✓ Use software management tools to track installations and compare them with license records.
- ✓ Conduct regular audits to verify software compliance after major changes.

**Real-World Result:**

Better software compliance, fewer audit issues, and optimized software usage.

**19. No Periodic Review of IT Asset Management Policies**

✦ **Clause:** 5.3 – Review of Policies

**What's Going Wrong:**

ITAM policies are developed but not regularly reviewed or updated to reflect changes in technology, business needs, or regulatory requirements.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that ITAM policies be regularly reviewed and updated to stay relevant and effective.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Schedule annual reviews of ITAM policies to ensure they remain aligned with business goals.
- ✓ Involve key stakeholders in policy reviews to gather feedback.
- ✓ Update policies as necessary to address emerging risks or opportunities.

**Real-World Result:**

Stronger, more adaptable policies and improved audit readiness.

**20. No Clear Methodology for Software Entitlement Tracking**

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software entitlements are not tracked consistently or clearly, leading to uncertainty over which licenses are available for deployment.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a clear methodology for tracking and managing software entitlements to ensure compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a standardized method for tracking software entitlements.
- ✓ Use automated tools to ensure real-time visibility of license availability.
- ✓ Regularly reconcile entitlements with actual software deployments.

**Real-World Result:**

Better visibility, reduced license over-purchase, and enhanced audit accuracy.

**21. No Process for Managing IT Asset Lifecycle for Cloud Resources**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Lifecycle Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Cloud assets are treated informally and often fall outside the formal ITAM lifecycle, creating gaps in tracking and usage.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires all assets, including cloud-based resources, to be managed throughout their lifecycle. Lack of control over cloud assets can lead to financial and security risks.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Define a clear lifecycle management process for cloud resources.
- ✓ Include cloud assets in the asset register and ensure they are tracked from procurement to decommissioning.
- ✓ Use cloud management tools to monitor usage and cost.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved cloud asset visibility and cost management, with reduced risk from untracked resources.

**22. No Process for Tracking and Managing Software in Virtual Environments**

✦ **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software used in virtual environments is not tracked or managed separately, leading to over-usage or unmonitored deployments.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires software licenses to be fully tracked, including those used in virtual environments. Without proper management, there's a risk of non-compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement tools to track software usage in virtual environments.
- ✓ Include virtual machines and containers in the asset inventory.
- ✓ Regularly reconcile software deployments with license entitlements.

**Real-World Result:**

Enhanced control over virtual environments, ensuring compliance and cost optimization.

**23. No Centralized System for Asset Registration**

📌 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

**What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are registered in multiple, disconnected systems, leading to inconsistencies and difficulty in accessing comprehensive asset data.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 expects a centralized system to provide a single source of truth for all asset data. Dispersed records create inefficiencies and confusion during audits.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a centralized ITAM system that integrates with other enterprise tools.
- ✓ Ensure all asset-related data (e.g., hardware, software, licenses) is entered and updated in the central system.
- ✓ Periodically audit and reconcile data between systems to maintain consistency.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset tracking and reporting, with greater efficiency during audits.

## 24. No Clear Guidelines for Asset Procurement and Acquisition

 **Clause:** 8.2 – Procurement and Acquisition

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Asset procurement is carried out without standardized processes, leading to inconsistent tracking and non-compliance with asset management policies.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a documented, standardized process for asset procurement to ensure proper tracking and compliance from the outset.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Define a formal procurement process that includes ITAM and compliance checks.
- ✓ Use procurement software that integrates with the ITAM system for real-time asset tracking.
- ✓ Establish clear guidelines for hardware, software, and cloud service acquisitions.

### **Real-World Result:**

Streamlined procurement processes, ensuring compliance and preventing over-purchasing or non-compliant acquisitions.

## 25. Assets Are Not Categorized by Criticality

 **Clause:** 6.1 – Risk Management and Planning

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are not categorized based on their criticality or importance to the organization, leading to inconsistent management and oversight.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes the need for a risk-based approach to asset management. Assets should be categorized by criticality to ensure appropriate controls.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Create a categorization system for assets based on their risk, value, and criticality.
- ✓ Implement controls tailored to each category (e.g., higher security for critical assets).
- ✓ Review and update asset categories annually to reflect changing business needs.

**Real-World Result:**

Prioritized asset management and improved risk mitigation, especially for critical resources.

**26. No Continuous Improvement Plan for ITAM Processes**

 **Clause:** 10.1 – Improvement

**What's Going Wrong:**

ITAM processes are static and not regularly reviewed for potential improvements, leading to inefficiencies or non-compliance over time.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires continuous improvement of the ITAM system to ensure it remains effective and aligned with organizational needs.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a formal process for reviewing and improving ITAM practices.
- ✓ Set performance indicators for ITAM processes and measure them regularly.

✓ Include feedback from internal audits, user input, and industry best practices in your improvement plan.

**Real-World Result:**

Ongoing process optimization, leading to improved efficiency, compliance, and cost-effectiveness.

## 27. Insufficient Documentation for ITAM Policies and Procedures

✦ **Clause:** 7.5 – Documented Information

**What's Going Wrong:**

ITAM policies and procedures are either not documented or not sufficiently detailed, making it difficult to ensure compliance and effective execution.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that policies, procedures, and other key information be well-documented and easily accessible to relevant stakeholders.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Document all ITAM policies, procedures, and controls.
- ✓ Ensure that policies are easily accessible to stakeholders across the organization.
- ✓ Review and update documentation regularly to ensure relevance and completeness.

**Real-World Result:**

Clear, accessible documentation leads to better policy compliance, fewer audit issues, and greater organizational alignment.

## 28. Lack of Compliance with Data Privacy Regulations

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

### **What's Going Wrong:**

IT assets, especially those with sensitive data, are not disposed of according to data privacy regulations, leading to potential data breaches and non-compliance.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, especially those containing sensitive information, be handled and disposed of in accordance with privacy regulations, such as GDPR or HIPAA.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop and implement a data disposal policy that complies with relevant data privacy regulations.
- ✓ Use certified data destruction services for hard drives, storage devices, and sensitive assets.
- ✓ Document all asset disposal activities and retain certificates of destruction.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better data protection, compliance with data privacy laws, and reduced risk of data breaches.

## 29. Lack of a Clear Asset Reconciliation Process After System Changes

 **Clause:** 8.2.5 – Maintenance and Updates

### **What's Going Wrong:**

After significant system changes (e.g., upgrades, migrations), assets are not

reconciled with the updated system, leading to discrepancies in asset records.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires asset records to be accurate and up-to-date. Failure to reconcile assets after system changes can result in inaccuracies and non-compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a formal process for asset reconciliation after any major system changes.
- ✓ Use asset management software that integrates with IT systems to ensure data consistency.
- ✓ Conduct regular reviews to ensure that the asset register is always up-to-date.

**Real-World Result:**

Accurate asset records, better change management, and improved audit preparedness.

### **30. No Integration Between ITAM and Security Management Systems**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What’s Going Wrong:**

Asset management and security systems operate independently, creating gaps in security visibility and control over IT assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires integration with security systems to ensure that assets are properly protected, monitored, and managed throughout their lifecycle.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Integrate your ITAM system with security tools for real-time monitoring and alerts.
- ✓ Ensure that all assets are included in both asset management and security systems.
- ✓ Regularly audit security policies and asset access controls.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset security and better compliance with organizational security standards.

**31. No Formal Software License Review Process**

✦ **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software licenses are not reviewed regularly, leading to discrepancies in license usage and potential over-usage or under-usage of software.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires periodic review of software licenses to ensure compliance with terms and conditions.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a routine software license review process.
- ✓ Conduct regular audits to compare installed software with license entitlements.
- ✓ Implement automated license tracking tools to monitor usage.

**Real-World Result:**

More efficient license usage, reduced risk of software non-compliance, and better audit preparedness.

## 32. No Clear Ownership for Software License Management

✦ **Clause:** 5.3 – Organizational Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities

### **What's Going Wrong:**

There is no designated individual or team responsible for software license management, leading to oversight and non-compliance.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires clear ownership and accountability for software license management to ensure compliance and reduce risks.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Assign a dedicated team or individual to oversee software license management.
- ✓ Establish clear roles and responsibilities for procurement, tracking, and compliance.
- ✓ Ensure regular training and support for those managing software licenses.

### **Real-World Result:**

Improved compliance and accountability in software license management, with fewer audit discrepancies.

## 33. No Formal Process for Asset Depreciation and Disposal

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are not formally depreciated or disposed of according to their lifecycle, leading to excess assets or untracked depreciations.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires assets to be properly depreciated and retired according to established schedules. Non-compliance leads to audit discrepancies.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a clear asset depreciation and retirement policy.
- ✓ Set depreciation schedules based on asset type and usage.
- ✓ Ensure proper documentation of asset disposal and retirement.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved financial accuracy, reduced asset waste, and enhanced audit processes.

**34. No Formal Control Over Temporary or Spare Assets**

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.4 – Asset Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Temporary or spare assets, such as backup hardware or spare software licenses, are not formally tracked or controlled, leading to potential misuse or loss.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, even temporary ones, be tracked and controlled to ensure compliance and effective asset management.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process to track all temporary or spare assets, including storage and usage.
- ✓ Assign unique identifiers to spare assets and monitor their usage.
- ✓ Periodically review spare assets to ensure they are appropriately managed.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved control over spare resources and better asset visibility.

**35. Inadequate Security for IT Assets**

 **Clause:** 6.1 – Risk Management and Security

**What's Going Wrong:**

There are insufficient security measures for IT assets, especially those containing sensitive data or critical infrastructure.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 mandates that appropriate security measures be implemented for IT assets to mitigate risks of data breaches or loss.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement strong access controls for IT assets, especially those containing sensitive data.
- ✓ Regularly audit and monitor asset access to identify potential security vulnerabilities.
- ✓ Ensure that all assets are encrypted and securely stored.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved data protection and reduced risk of security incidents or breaches.

**36. Incomplete or Poorly Managed Asset Documentation**

 **Clause:** 7.5 – Documented Information

**What's Going Wrong:**

Asset documentation is incomplete or lacks detail, making it difficult to manage assets and ensure compliance with ISO/IEC 19770-1.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all IT asset documentation be thorough, accurate, and up-to-date to ensure compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Ensure that all asset documentation includes essential details (e.g., purchase date, software version, licensing).
- ✓ Implement a standardized format for documenting assets across all departments.
- ✓ Regularly review and update asset records to maintain accuracy.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset traceability and easier compliance verification during audits.

**37. No Formal Process for Asset Recovery After Employee Termination**

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Recovery and Disposal

**What's Going Wrong:**

When employees leave the organization, assets are not consistently recovered or reassigned, leading to missing equipment or unauthorized asset use.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that assets be recovered, reassigned, or securely disposed of when employees leave to maintain control and reduce risk.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Integrate asset recovery into the employee offboarding process.

- ✓ Maintain a checklist for all assets that need to be recovered during offboarding.
- ✓ Track all recovered assets and update the ITAM system immediately.

**Real-World Result:**

Better asset recovery, reduced asset loss, and increased security.

### **38. No Automated Alerts for Software License Expirations**

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software license expirations are not tracked automatically, leading to missed renewals and potential service disruptions or non-compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires proactive management of software licenses to avoid lapses. Missed renewals can result in compliance issues.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement automated alerts for upcoming software license expirations.
- ✓ Set reminders for renewals and re-evaluations of software entitlements.
- ✓ Track software license terms and expiry dates in a centralized system.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved license compliance and uninterrupted software usage.

### **39. No Asset Classification System**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

#### **What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are not classified according to their value, function, or criticality, leading to inefficient management and oversight.

#### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires asset classification to ensure that high-value or critical assets receive more robust controls and oversight.

#### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop an asset classification system based on factors such as value, criticality, and security needs.
- ✓ Ensure that high-priority assets are tracked more rigorously, with additional controls.
- ✓ Regularly review asset classification to ensure it reflects business priorities.

#### **Real-World Result:**

Improved management of critical assets and more efficient use of resources.

### **40. No Asset Tagging for Physical Assets**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

#### **What's Going Wrong:**

Physical assets (e.g., computers, servers) are not tagged or labeled with unique identifiers, making it difficult to track them effectively.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, especially physical ones, be clearly identifiable for tracking, management, and security purposes.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a system for tagging all physical assets with unique identifiers (e.g., barcodes, RFID).
- ✓ Ensure that asset tags are durable and can withstand the asset's environment.
- ✓ Regularly scan and update asset information based on tag data.

**Real-World Result:**

Enhanced asset tracking and improved security, with easier reconciliation during audits.

**41. No Clear Ownership for Software License Compliance**

📌 **Clause:** 5.3 – Organizational Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities

**What's Going Wrong:**

There is no clearly defined individual or team responsible for ensuring software license compliance, leading to inconsistencies and potential overuse of licenses.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that software license compliance be assigned to a specific individual or team to ensure accountability and prevent violations.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Assign a dedicated team or individual to manage software licenses and compliance.
- ✓ Document roles and responsibilities for license management and ensure

ongoing training.

✓ Conduct regular reviews of software license agreements and usage.

**Real-World Result:**

Better control over software licenses, optimized costs, and a more efficient audit process.

## 42. Inconsistent Asset Verification Processes

✦ **Clause:** 9.1 – Monitoring, Measurement, Analysis, and Evaluation

**What's Going Wrong:**

There is no consistent or formal process for verifying the accuracy of asset records, leading to discrepancies and errors in asset management.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires regular asset verification to ensure the accuracy of asset records. Inconsistent verification practices increase the likelihood of errors and non-compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

✓ Establish a regular asset verification schedule (e.g., annual or quarterly).

✓ Perform physical audits to reconcile actual assets with records in the ITAM system.

✓ Implement automated tools to monitor asset status and flag discrepancies.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset accuracy, better control over physical assets, and smoother audit processes.

## 43. No Formal Process for Managing Cloud Service Contracts

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Contract Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Cloud service contracts are not managed centrally, leading to missed renewal dates, duplicate services, or compliance gaps.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 expects comprehensive management of all asset contracts, including cloud services. Without proper contract management, your organization may face unnecessary expenses or compliance violations.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Create a centralized system for tracking all cloud service contracts, including terms, renewals, and service-level agreements (SLAs).
- ✓ Set up automated alerts for contract renewals or review periods.
- ✓ Ensure contracts are reviewed regularly to confirm compliance with service terms.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better management of cloud services, improved cost control, and ensured compliance with contract terms.

## 44. No Process for Tracking Asset Usage Across Different Locations

 **Clause:** 8.2.4 – Asset Tracking and Control

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Assets that are deployed across multiple locations are not tracked consistently, leading to confusion and potential loss of assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, regardless of location, be tracked and managed effectively to ensure visibility and accountability.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a location-based asset tracking system that records the physical location of each asset.
- ✓ Use asset tracking tools like RFID or barcode scanning to monitor assets in real-time.
- ✓ Ensure regular reconciliation of assets at each location.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset control and visibility across all locations, making audits smoother and more accurate.

**45. Lack of ITAM Process for Mergers and Acquisitions**

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software Asset Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

During mergers or acquisitions, there is no clear process for integrating IT asset management systems, leading to discrepancies in asset ownership and license compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that asset management systems remain consistent and compliant, even during organizational changes. Failure to integrate systems properly can lead to non-compliance and missed opportunities for optimization.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Create a formal ITAM integration process for mergers and acquisitions.
- ✓ Reconcile asset inventories and software licenses post-merger.

✓ Review and update asset management policies to reflect the combined organization's needs.

**Real-World Result:**

A seamless integration of IT asset management during mergers, ensuring compliance and reducing operational disruption.

## 46. No Process for Managing IT Asset Transfers Across Business Units

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.2 – Asset Assignment and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

IT assets transferred between business units or departments are not tracked, leading to a lack of visibility and accountability.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all asset transfers be documented and tracked to ensure compliance with asset management processes.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a formal process for documenting and tracking asset transfers.
- ✓ Use asset management software to record changes in ownership and location.
- ✓ Conduct periodic reviews to ensure asset transfers are properly recorded and completed.

**Real-World Result:**

Better visibility of asset movement, improved accountability, and fewer discrepancies during audits.

## 47. Lack of Integration Between ITAM and Financial Systems

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

### **What's Going Wrong:**

IT asset management and financial systems are not integrated, leading to misalignment between financial records and asset inventories.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires financial tracking and IT asset management to be closely aligned. Discrepancies can result in inaccurate financial reporting and audit complications.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Integrate ITAM systems with financial systems to ensure consistency in asset valuations and costs.
- ✓ Track asset depreciation and capital expenditures alongside asset records.
- ✓ Regularly reconcile financial and asset records for accuracy.

### **Real-World Result:**

Improved financial accuracy, more efficient resource allocation, and streamlined audit processes.

## 48. Failure to Identify and Mitigate Risks Related to Third-Party Software

 **Clause:** 6.1 – Risk Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Organizations fail to assess and mitigate risks associated with third-party software, including security vulnerabilities and compliance issues.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires organizations to identify and manage risks related to IT assets, including third-party software. Failure to do so can expose the organization to security breaches and legal liabilities.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Regularly assess third-party software for compliance and security risks.
- ✓ Develop a process for reviewing and approving third-party software before installation.
- ✓ Implement security controls for third-party software to mitigate risks.

**Real-World Result:**

Reduced security risks and better compliance with third-party software agreements.

**49. No Visibility or Control Over Shadow IT**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

**What's Going Wrong:**

Employees or departments purchase and deploy their own IT assets without informing IT or asset management, leading to uncontrolled and untracked devices.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all IT assets, regardless of how they are acquired, be tracked and controlled. Shadow IT poses risks to security and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process for registering and monitoring all IT assets, regardless of how they are procured.
- ✓ Educate employees about the importance of reporting any IT assets they

use.

✓ Use automated discovery tools to detect unauthorized devices on the network.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset visibility, enhanced security, and reduced risks from unauthorized IT assets.

## 50. No Data Analytics for ITAM Performance and Compliance

✦ **Clause:** 9.1 – Monitoring and Measurement

**What's Going Wrong:**

ITAM performance is not tracked using data analytics, leading to missed opportunities for improvement and a lack of insight into compliance gaps.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires ongoing monitoring and measurement of ITAM processes to ensure continuous improvement and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement analytics tools to track ITAM performance against key metrics.
- ✓ Regularly review performance data and use it to refine processes.
- ✓ Use data to identify areas of risk or non-compliance and address them proactively.

**Real-World Result:**

Better decision-making, enhanced performance, and improved compliance outcomes.

## 51. Lack of Proper Software Entitlement Tracking

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Software entitlements are not adequately tracked, leading to issues with license usage and compliance during audits.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires organizations to have a clear system for tracking software entitlements to ensure that license usage matches the organization's actual needs.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a software entitlement management system to track license terms, limits, and usage.
- ✓ Perform regular reconciliations between entitlements and deployments.
- ✓ Set up automated alerts for underused or overused licenses.

### **Real-World Result:**

Improved software compliance, optimized license usage, and fewer discrepancies during audits.

## 52. No Control Over Temporary or Borrowed IT Assets

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Temporary or borrowed IT assets, such as loaner devices or project-specific equipment, are not tracked, leading to unaccounted assets and potential losses.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 mandates control over all IT assets, regardless of their status (temporary or borrowed). Without proper tracking, assets can be lost or misused.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process for registering and tracking temporary or borrowed assets.
- ✓ Use asset tags and require sign-in/sign-out procedures for temporary assets.
- ✓ Regularly review the status of temporary assets and ensure they are returned or reassigned.

**Real-World Result:**

Better control over temporary resources and fewer instances of missing or untracked assets.

**53. No Automated Tools for License Compliance Audits**

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

License compliance is managed manually, making it difficult to track and report accurately, especially with large numbers of software assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes automation in managing license compliance, as manual processes are prone to error and inefficiency during audits.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement automated license compliance tools that track usage and entitlements in real-time.
- ✓ Use reporting features to automatically generate license compliance

reports for audits.

✓ Integrate automated tools with your ITAM system to ensure seamless data synchronization.

**Real-World Result:**

Faster audits, reduced errors, and more accurate license compliance tracking.

## 54. Untracked Cloud Resource Usage

✦ **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What’s Going Wrong:**

Cloud resources such as computing power, storage, and services are used without being tracked, leading to unoptimized costs and non-compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all IT assets, including cloud resources, be tracked and managed. Failing to do so can lead to overspending and poor visibility.

**How to Fix It:**

✓ Implement cloud resource management tools to monitor and track cloud usage.

✓ Tag and categorize cloud resources by department, project, or cost center.

✓ Review cloud resources regularly to ensure usage aligns with organizational needs.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved cloud cost optimization and better alignment of cloud resources with business priorities.

## 55. Insufficient Reporting on IT Asset Utilization

✦ **Clause:** 9.1 – Monitoring, Measurement, and Evaluation

### What's Going Wrong:

There are no clear metrics or reports available on asset utilization, making it difficult to assess whether assets are being used efficiently.

### Why It Matters During an Audit:

ISO/IEC 19770-1 stresses the need for ongoing monitoring and measurement of asset performance to ensure that assets are being utilized effectively and compliantly.

### How to Fix It:

- ✓ Implement asset utilization tracking tools to monitor how and when assets are being used.
- ✓ Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) for asset utilization.
- ✓ Regularly review and optimize the use of underused assets to maximize ROI.

### Real-World Result:

Better asset utilization, improved financial control, and reduced waste.

## 56. Lack of Regular Software Inventory Audits

✦ **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software Asset Management

### What's Going Wrong:

Software inventories are not audited regularly, leading to discrepancies between installed software and recorded licenses.

### Why It Matters During an Audit:

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that software inventories be periodically

reviewed and reconciled to ensure compliance and avoid licensing violations.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Schedule regular software inventory audits (e.g., annually or quarterly).
- ✓ Use automated software inventory tools to streamline audits and track installations.
- ✓ Reconcile software licenses with actual installations and usage during each audit.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved software license compliance, reduced risk of over-deployment, and streamlined audit processes.

## 57. No Defined Process for Hardware Lifecycle Management

✦ **Clause:** 8.2 – Lifecycle Management

**What’s Going Wrong:**

There is no formal process for managing the lifecycle of hardware assets, leading to inefficiencies, missed opportunities for optimization, and non-compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 mandates a structured process for managing hardware assets throughout their lifecycle, from procurement to retirement, to ensure compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Define and document processes for hardware asset acquisition, tracking, maintenance, and disposal.
- ✓ Ensure regular audits of hardware assets to track their condition and compliance.

✓ Track hardware depreciation and allocate resources based on lifecycle stage.

**Real-World Result:**

Better control of hardware assets, improved lifecycle management, and reduced audit discrepancies.

## 58. No Defined Policy for IT Asset Borrowing

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.2 – Asset Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Employees borrow IT assets without any formal procedure, leading to potential asset loss and a lack of tracking.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, including those temporarily borrowed by employees, be properly tracked and controlled to ensure accountability.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a formal asset borrowing policy that includes asset logging and approval procedures.
- ✓ Use asset management software to track borrowed items and their return dates.
- ✓ Ensure that employees are trained on the borrowing process and responsibilities.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset control, reduced loss risk, and smoother audit processes.

## 59. No Visibility Into External IT Assets (e.g., Third-Party Equipment)

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Third-party IT assets, such as vendor equipment or leased devices, are not tracked, creating gaps in asset management and increasing audit risk.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, whether owned or external, be tracked and managed to maintain control and ensure compliance.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Ensure all third-party IT assets are included in the asset inventory and tracked in the ITAM system.
- ✓ Establish processes for monitoring and reporting on third-party asset usage and compliance.
- ✓ Perform periodic reviews to ensure all external assets are properly managed.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better asset visibility, enhanced security, and a more streamlined audit process.

## 60. No Process for Decommissioning IT Assets

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Decommissioning

### **What's Going Wrong:**

IT assets that are no longer in use are not properly decommissioned, leading to obsolete assets being left in the system or not removed from inventory.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires proper decommissioning of IT assets to ensure they are removed from the inventory and that any sensitive data is securely erased.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a decommissioning process that includes data wiping, secure disposal, and asset tracking.
- ✓ Ensure that all assets are removed from the ITAM system upon decommissioning.
- ✓ Conduct periodic reviews to identify and properly retire obsolete assets.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved security, better data protection, and enhanced compliance with decommissioning standards.

**61. Failure to Track Asset Maintenance and Upgrades**

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.5 – Maintenance and Updates

**What's Going Wrong:**

Maintenance and upgrades to IT assets are not consistently tracked, leading to gaps in asset management and potential compliance issues.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that maintenance and upgrades be tracked as part of the asset lifecycle to ensure continued compliance and performance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a system to track all maintenance activities, upgrades, and patches applied to assets.
- ✓ Ensure that maintenance and upgrades are recorded and linked to the

asset's history.

✓ Regularly review asset maintenance records during audits.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset performance, reduced downtime, and easier compliance verification.

## 62. Unclear Policies on Asset Use for Temporary Projects

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.4 – Asset Tracking and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

There are no clear policies governing the use of IT assets for temporary projects, leading to misused resources or untracked assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a formal process for tracking all assets, including those used temporarily for specific projects, to ensure full accountability.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop and implement a policy that covers the use of IT assets for temporary or short-term projects.
- ✓ Create a process to log and track assets assigned to temporary projects.
- ✓ Conduct audits to ensure assets are returned or reassigned after project completion.

**Real-World Result:**

Better control over temporary assets, optimized resource allocation, and improved audit accuracy.

## 63. Insufficient Training on ITAM Systems

 **Clause:** 7.3 – Awareness and Training

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Employees are not adequately trained on IT Asset Management (ITAM) systems and processes, leading to errors in asset tracking and non-compliance.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that employees be properly trained on ITAM systems and policies to ensure consistency and accuracy across asset management practices.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Provide comprehensive training on ITAM systems and asset management policies for all relevant employees.
- ✓ Ensure ongoing training to keep employees updated on changes in ITAM tools and processes.
- ✓ Conduct assessments to measure employee understanding and effectiveness of training.

### **Real-World Result:**

Improved accuracy in asset management, better audit performance, and greater employee accountability.

## 64. Unclear or Inconsistent Asset Tagging

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are not consistently tagged with unique identifiers (e.g., barcodes, RFID tags), making it difficult to track them across their lifecycle.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires all assets to be clearly identifiable and tracked, which starts with proper tagging. Inconsistent or missing tags create compliance gaps.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Ensure all physical and virtual assets are tagged with unique identifiers.
- ✓ Regularly audit asset tags to ensure they are intact and legible.
- ✓ Use automated tools to track assets based on their identifiers.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better asset tracking, improved accountability, and a streamlined audit process.

## 65. No Formal Process for Software Reinstallation and Transfers

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software Asset Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

There is no formal process for reinstalling or transferring software from one device or user to another, leading to untracked software usage and potential compliance violations.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that software installations be properly tracked to ensure compliance with licensing agreements.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a standardized process for software reinstallation and transfers.
- ✓ Use software tracking tools to monitor reassignments and installations.
- ✓ Ensure that software licenses are transferred or reassigned according to the terms of the agreement.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved software license management, reduced risk of non-compliance, and better audit results.

**66. Failure to Identify and Manage End-of-Life (EOL) Assets**

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

**What's Going Wrong:**

Assets approaching the end of their useful life are not identified or properly managed, leading to security risks and potential compliance issues when they are retired.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that end-of-life assets be handled according to established processes to ensure compliance with security and data protection standards.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Identify assets that are nearing the end of their lifecycle and plan for their decommissioning or disposal.

- ✓ Implement secure data destruction processes for assets being retired.
- ✓ Regularly review asset lifecycle status to ensure timely retirement.

**Real-World Result:**

Better asset management, improved data security, and a more efficient asset retirement process.

**67. No Centralized Repository for IT Asset Documentation**

 **Clause:** 7.5 – Documented Information

**What's Going Wrong:**

IT asset documentation is scattered across different systems or departments, making it difficult to access and manage important information.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all IT asset documentation be centrally stored and easily accessible to ensure compliance and audit readiness.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Create a centralized repository for all IT asset documentation.
- ✓ Ensure that all relevant asset information (e.g., licenses, contracts, maintenance records) is stored in this repository.
- ✓ Implement version control to ensure that the most up-to-date documentation is available.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved access to asset documentation, streamlined audits, and better compliance tracking.

## 68. No Defined Process for Decommissioning Cloud Resources

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Cloud resources, such as virtual machines or storage, are not decommissioned according to established procedures, leading to unnecessary costs or security vulnerabilities.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all IT assets, including cloud resources, be decommissioned and removed from the asset register when no longer in use.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a formal decommissioning process for cloud resources.
- ✓ Ensure that cloud resources are removed from the ITAM system once they are no longer needed.
- ✓ Use cloud management tools to track and decommission unused resources automatically.

### **Real-World Result:**

Reduced cloud costs, improved security, and better resource management.

## 69. Inconsistent Handling of Software Patches and Updates

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software Asset Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Software patches and updates are not consistently applied, leading to security vulnerabilities and non-compliance with vendor agreements.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all software be kept up-to-date with the latest patches to ensure security and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a process for tracking and applying software patches and updates in a timely manner.
- ✓ Use automated tools to ensure that patches are applied consistently across all systems.
- ✓ Regularly review patch management procedures during internal audits.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved software security, compliance with vendor requirements, and fewer vulnerabilities.

**70. Lack of Formal Process for Managing ITAM Risks**

 **Clause:** 6.1 – Risk Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Risks related to IT asset management (such as unauthorized software installations or security breaches) are not formally identified or addressed.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes risk management and requires that ITAM risks be actively identified, assessed, and mitigated.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a formal process for identifying, assessing, and mitigating ITAM-related risks.
- ✓ Integrate risk management into ITAM policies and practices.
- ✓ Regularly review and update risk assessments based on changing business needs and threats.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved risk mitigation, stronger compliance, and a more resilient ITAM system.

**71. No Clear Process for Managing Software Contracts**

📌 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software contracts are not systematically managed, leading to expired agreements, missed renewals, and potential non-compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all software contracts be properly managed and monitored for compliance with licensing terms.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Establish a process for managing all software contracts, including tracking renewal dates, terms, and conditions.
- ✓ Use contract management software to centralize contract information and ensure timely renewals.
- ✓ Ensure regular reviews of all contracts to identify compliance risks or opportunities for negotiation.

**Real-World Result:**

Better compliance, reduced risk of contract breaches, and optimized contract negotiations.

## 72. No Integration Between ITAM and Incident Management Systems

 **Clause:** 8.2.5 – Integration and Alignment

### **What's Going Wrong:**

IT Asset Management (ITAM) and incident management systems are not integrated, leading to a lack of visibility and delayed responses to issues.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 emphasizes the integration of ITAM with other IT management processes, including incident management, to ensure assets are managed effectively.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Integrate ITAM with incident management systems to track issues and their impact on assets.
- ✓ Ensure asset records are updated in real-time when incidents are reported.
- ✓ Implement a system to track the resolution of asset-related incidents.

### **Real-World Result:**

Faster issue resolution, better asset visibility, and more efficient IT operations.

## 73. No Automated Alerts for Software License Violations

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

There is no system in place to automatically alert the team when software license violations or potential breaches occur.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires automated processes to detect and alert organizations of software license violations, ensuring timely corrective action.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement software license management tools that include automated alerts for violations or overages.
- ✓ Set up automated notifications for upcoming license renewals, expirations, or overuse.
- ✓ Regularly monitor software deployments and usage against license terms.

**Real-World Result:**

Reduced risk of non-compliance and penalties, better license management, and improved audit outcomes.

**74. No Continuous Monitoring of Asset Performance**

 **Clause:** 9.1 – Monitoring and Measurement

**What's Going Wrong:**

There is no ongoing monitoring of IT asset performance, leading to missed opportunities for optimization and performance issues.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires continuous monitoring and measurement of asset performance to ensure optimal utilization and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement tools to continuously monitor asset performance, including hardware utilization, software usage, and license compliance.
- ✓ Use analytics to identify underused assets and reallocate them as needed.

✓ Regularly review performance metrics to ensure that assets are operating at peak efficiency.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved resource allocation, better asset performance, and optimized IT infrastructure.

## 75. No Defined Process for Managing IT Asset Data in Mergers

✦ **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

During mergers or acquisitions, IT asset data is not integrated or managed properly, leading to discrepancies and difficulties in tracking assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that asset data be reconciled and integrated during mergers to maintain an accurate and compliant asset management system.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a structured process for integrating IT asset data during mergers or acquisitions.
- ✓ Reconcile asset inventories from both organizations and identify duplicate or unnecessary assets.
- ✓ Update asset records to reflect the new structure post-merger.

**Real-World Result:**

A smoother merger process, better asset integration, and clearer asset records.

## 76. No Defined Policy for Managing Non-IT Assets

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Non-IT assets such as office furniture, physical equipment, or other business assets are not properly managed or tracked.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all business assets, not just IT-related ones, be tracked and managed effectively to ensure compliance.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a policy for managing all non-IT assets, including inventory and lifecycle management.
- ✓ Include non-IT assets in the asset management system for visibility and control.
- ✓ Regularly update records for all assets, including physical items like equipment or office furniture.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better visibility and management of all assets, improved asset lifecycle tracking, and enhanced overall asset control.

## 77. Insufficient Backup and Recovery of IT Asset Data

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

### **What's Going Wrong:**

IT asset data, including software and hardware records, is not backed up or properly protected, leading to potential data loss.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all critical asset data be properly backed up and accessible in case of a disaster or audit review.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a robust backup system for IT asset data, ensuring that all records are regularly backed up.
- ✓ Store backups in secure, off-site locations or cloud-based storage.
- ✓ Regularly test backup and recovery processes to ensure data integrity and availability.

**Real-World Result:**

Better data security, reduced risk of data loss, and ensured access to asset records during audits.

**78. No Lifecycle Management for Digital Assets**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Digital assets such as virtual machines, cloud services, and digital licenses are not managed through their full lifecycle, leading to inefficiencies and increased risk.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 mandates that all assets, including digital ones, be tracked and managed from procurement to decommissioning.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement lifecycle management for all digital assets, including cloud resources and virtual environments.
- ✓ Track each asset through its full lifecycle, from provisioning to retirement.

✓ Regularly review digital assets to ensure they are compliant and properly retired when no longer needed.

**Real-World Result:**

Better control of digital assets, improved efficiency, and enhanced security.

## 79. Failure to Monitor IT Asset Depreciation

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Depreciation and Retirement

**What's Going Wrong:**

The depreciation of IT assets is not monitored or updated regularly, leading to inaccurate financial reporting and compliance gaps.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that IT assets be accurately depreciated over their lifecycle to ensure that financial records reflect true asset values.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Set up a system to track and update the depreciation of assets based on their lifecycle and usage.
- ✓ Ensure that depreciation schedules are integrated with the financial system for accurate reporting.
- ✓ Regularly review depreciation practices and adjust them as needed.

**Real-World Result:**

More accurate financial records, improved asset management, and better audit outcomes.

## 80. No Clear Process for Managing Software in Virtualized Environments

✦ **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software used in virtualized environments (e.g., virtual machines, containers) is not tracked or managed separately from physical assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires all software, including those running in virtualized environments, to be properly tracked and managed to ensure compliance with licensing agreements.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement tracking tools for software used in virtualized environments.
- ✓ Separate virtualized and physical software in the asset management system to ensure clarity.
- ✓ Regularly audit virtualized environments to ensure license compliance.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved license compliance, better control over virtualized assets, and fewer audit issues.

**81. No Process for Managing IT Asset Borrowing Across Teams**

 **Clause:** 8.2.2 – Asset Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Assets borrowed by different teams or departments are not tracked, leading to unaccounted-for assets or potential misuse.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, including those temporarily borrowed across departments, be tracked to ensure full accountability.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a formal asset borrowing and tracking policy for all departments.
- ✓ Use asset management software to record borrowing transactions and return dates.
- ✓ Periodically review asset borrowing logs to ensure proper returns.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset visibility, better tracking, and fewer missing or misused assets.

**82. Inadequate Tracking of Software Updates and Patches**

✦ **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software updates and patches are not consistently tracked or managed, leading to security vulnerabilities and non-compliance with vendor requirements.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that software patches and updates be applied and tracked to ensure software integrity and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement an automated system for tracking software updates and patches.
- ✓ Establish a policy to apply updates regularly and document them in the ITAM system.
- ✓ Regularly review patch management procedures and update them as needed.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved software security, better license compliance, and reduced vulnerabilities.

**83. Failure to Include Mobile and IoT Devices in IT Asset Management**

📌 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Mobile devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets) and Internet of Things (IoT) devices are not tracked within the ITAM system, leading to a lack of visibility and potential security risks.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires all IT assets, including mobile and IoT devices, to be tracked for security and compliance purposes.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Ensure that all mobile and IoT devices are included in the asset inventory.
- ✓ Use device management tools to track mobile and IoT devices throughout their lifecycle.
- ✓ Regularly audit mobile and IoT devices to ensure compliance with security policies.

**Real-World Result:**

Better control over mobile and IoT devices, improved security, and reduced compliance risks.

## 84. No Clear Asset Classification System for High-Risk Assets

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

### **What's Going Wrong:**

High-risk assets, such as sensitive data storage devices, are not properly classified or assigned additional controls.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 mandates that all assets, particularly high-risk ones, be classified and tracked to ensure appropriate security measures are in place.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop and implement an asset classification system based on risk levels and criticality.
- ✓ Assign additional controls (e.g., stricter access, enhanced security) for high-risk assets.
- ✓ Review and update asset classifications regularly.

### **Real-World Result:**

Stronger protection of critical assets, improved compliance, and reduced audit findings.

## 85. No Process for Managing Third-Party Software

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Third-party software is not adequately tracked or managed, leading to potential licensing issues, compliance violations, or security vulnerabilities.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that third-party software be tracked and

managed just like any other software asset to ensure compliance and avoid risks.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process to track and manage all third-party software.
- ✓ Regularly audit third-party software to ensure compliance with licensing terms.
- ✓ Ensure that third-party software is included in the ITAM system for visibility and control.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved software compliance, reduced risk of vendor disputes, and better control over third-party assets.

## **86. Failure to Track Software Usage in Virtualized Environments**

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software usage in virtualized environments is not monitored, leading to overuse or non-compliance with license agreements.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires all software, including that running in virtual environments, to be tracked and managed to ensure license compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement software usage tracking tools for virtualized environments.
- ✓ Ensure that all virtual machines and containers are included in the asset management system.
- ✓ Regularly audit virtualized environments for software compliance.

**Real-World Result:**

Better compliance and license optimization in virtualized environments, reducing audit risks.

**87. No Integration Between ITAM and Financial Systems for Depreciation**

✦ **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Depreciation and Retirement

**What's Going Wrong:**

There is no integration between ITAM and financial systems, resulting in discrepancies between asset value depreciation and financial records.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that asset depreciation be properly tracked and aligned with financial systems to ensure accurate reporting.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Integrate ITAM and financial systems to automatically track depreciation.
- ✓ Ensure asset values are updated in both systems regularly.
- ✓ Reconcile depreciation schedules and asset values during internal audits.

**Real-World Result:**

More accurate financial reporting, improved asset management, and smoother audits.

## **88. Inadequate Tracking of Software Usage in Multi-Location Environments**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Software usage across multiple locations is not tracked consistently, leading to potential compliance violations and unoptimized software use.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires consistent tracking of software across all locations to ensure accurate compliance with licensing agreements.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement software tracking systems that can monitor usage across multiple locations.
- ✓ Ensure that software deployment and usage data is centralized for visibility.
- ✓ Regularly audit software usage across all business locations.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better software utilization, reduced compliance risks, and more efficient use of resources.

## **89. No Clear Policy for IT Asset Disposals and Recycling**

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Disposal and Retirement

### **What's Going Wrong:**

There is no clear policy for disposing of or recycling old IT assets, leading to potential data breaches or environmental violations.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires a documented and secure disposal process for IT assets to ensure data protection and environmental compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a formal asset disposal and recycling policy that includes secure data wiping and environmental compliance.
- ✓ Use certified e-waste disposal vendors for asset destruction.
- ✓ Maintain records of all disposals and recycling activities.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved data security, better environmental compliance, and reduced risk during audits.

**90. No Automated Software License Compliance Tracking**

✦ **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

**What's Going Wrong:**

Software license compliance is tracked manually, which increases the risk of errors and missed violations.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires automated systems to track and ensure software license compliance. Manual processes can lead to inaccuracies and potential non-compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement automated software license tracking tools that monitor usage in real-time.
- ✓ Integrate license tracking tools with other asset management systems.
- ✓ Use automated reporting to generate compliance reports for internal or external audits.

**Real-World Result:**

Streamlined software license compliance, fewer errors, and faster audits.

**91. Lack of Asset Management Training for New Employees**

 **Clause:** 7.3 – Awareness and Training

**What's Going Wrong:**

New employees are not adequately trained on IT asset management processes, leading to inconsistent practices and potential non-compliance.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all relevant employees be trained on asset management policies to ensure consistent practices and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a training program for new employees focused on ITAM processes.
- ✓ Include ITAM training in the onboarding process for all employees handling assets.
- ✓ Conduct periodic refresher courses to ensure ongoing awareness and compliance.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved consistency in asset management, better compliance, and reduced audit issues.

## 92. No Formal Process for Managing Software Patching in Virtual Environments

 **Clause:** 8.3 – Software License Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Software patches are not consistently applied in virtualized environments, leading to vulnerabilities and compliance issues.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all software, including those in virtualized environments, be maintained with the latest security patches and updates.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a patch management system that tracks software patches for virtualized environments.
- ✓ Ensure that all virtual machines and containers receive timely updates.
- ✓ Regularly audit virtualized environments to ensure compliance with patching policies.

### **Real-World Result:**

Improved security, reduced compliance risks, and better virtualized asset management.

## 93. No System for Tracking Software License Allocations and Reassignments

 **Clause:** 8.3.3 – Software License Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Software licenses are allocated to employees without proper tracking,

leading to issues when reassigning licenses or ensuring compliance with license terms.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that software license allocations and reassignments be clearly documented to ensure accurate tracking and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a system that tracks software license assignments and reassignments in real-time.
- ✓ Use automated tools to ensure that licenses are properly reallocated when employees change roles or leave.
- ✓ Regularly reconcile software usage to ensure compliance with license terms.

**Real-World Result:**

Optimized software license allocation, improved license compliance, and streamlined audits.

## **94. No Defined Criteria for Asset Classification and Prioritization**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What’s Going Wrong:**

Assets are not classified or prioritized based on value or criticality, making it difficult to allocate appropriate resources or implement necessary controls.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that assets be classified based on their importance, with higher-value or critical assets receiving enhanced controls and oversight.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a classification system that categorizes assets based on criticality, value, and usage.
- ✓ Prioritize high-value or sensitive assets for more frequent monitoring and enhanced security measures.
- ✓ Regularly review asset classification to ensure it reflects current business needs.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved asset security, more efficient resource allocation, and better audit outcomes.

**95. Incomplete Asset Recovery Process After System Upgrades**

 **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Assets are not properly recovered or reassigned after system upgrades or hardware replacements, leading to missing or untracked equipment.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets be recovered, reassigned, or retired properly to ensure proper asset control and accountability.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a formal process for asset recovery after system upgrades or hardware replacements.
- ✓ Track all assets that are replaced, reassigned, or decommissioned.
- ✓ Ensure all recovered assets are properly inventoried and reassigned or retired.

**Real-World Result:**

Reduced asset loss, better resource management, and more accurate asset records.

**96. Lack of Regular Internal Audits of ITAM Processes**

📌 **Clause:** 9.2 – Internal Audit

**What's Going Wrong:**

Internal audits of IT asset management processes are not conducted regularly, making it difficult to identify gaps or inefficiencies in asset management practices.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that internal audits be performed regularly to ensure the effectiveness and compliance of ITAM processes.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Schedule regular internal audits of ITAM processes to identify and resolve non-conformities.
- ✓ Use audit results to continuously improve asset management practices.
- ✓ Ensure audits are comprehensive and include all relevant assets and processes.

**Real-World Result:**

Proactive identification and resolution of issues, leading to improved compliance and smoother audits.

## 97. No Process for Tracking and Managing Asset Warranties

 **Clause:** 8.2 – Asset Management Lifecycle

### **What's Going Wrong:**

Asset warranties, such as those for hardware, are not tracked, leading to missed opportunities for repairs, replacements, or service claims.

### **Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that warranties be tracked as part of the asset management lifecycle to ensure assets are maintained properly and any claims can be made.

### **How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Implement a process for tracking asset warranties, including expiration dates and service terms.
- ✓ Ensure warranties are linked to asset records in the ITAM system.
- ✓ Regularly review warranty statuses and claim opportunities for assets nearing the end of their warranty period.

### **Real-World Result:**

Better management of warranties, reduced repair costs, and improved asset lifecycle management.

## 98. No Process for Managing Vendor-Provided IT Assets

 **Clause:** 8.2.6 – Procurement and Vendor Management

### **What's Going Wrong:**

IT assets provided by vendors (e.g., leased equipment, third-party software) are not properly tracked, leading to mismanagement and potential compliance violations.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all assets, including those provided by vendors, be properly tracked and managed to ensure accountability and compliance.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop a process for tracking and managing vendor-provided IT assets.
- ✓ Ensure that all vendor assets are included in the ITAM system and treated with the same level of control as owned assets.
- ✓ Regularly audit vendor-provided assets for compliance and proper usage.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved control over vendor assets, better compliance, and reduced vendor disputes.

**99. No Integration Between ITAM and Procurement Systems**

 **Clause:** 8.2.5 – Integration and Alignment

**What's Going Wrong:**

IT asset management and procurement systems are not integrated, leading to inconsistent tracking and inefficiencies in asset management.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that procurement and ITAM systems be aligned to ensure assets are properly tracked from the point of purchase through their lifecycle.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Integrate ITAM systems with procurement software for real-time asset tracking.
- ✓ Ensure all assets procured through external vendors are automatically recorded in the ITAM system.

✓ Periodically review procurement and ITAM integration to ensure smooth data flow.

**Real-World Result:**

Streamlined asset management processes, better compliance, and more efficient use of resources.

## **100. No Asset Management Strategy for Emerging Technologies**

✦ **Clause:** 8.1 – Asset Identification and Control

**What's Going Wrong:**

Emerging technologies, such as AI, blockchain, and IoT, are not incorporated into the asset management strategy, leading to untracked or poorly managed assets.

**Why It Matters During an Audit:**

ISO/IEC 19770-1 requires that all IT assets, including those related to emerging technologies, be managed and tracked to ensure compliance and security.

**How to Fix It:**

- ✓ Develop an asset management strategy that includes emerging technologies.
- ✓ Identify all assets related to new technologies and track them through their lifecycle.
- ✓ Implement tools and processes that integrate these emerging technologies into the broader ITAM framework.

**Real-World Result:**

Improved control over emerging technology assets, better risk management, and more agile asset management strategies.

## Achieving ISO/IEC 19770-1 Compliance

Achieving and maintaining ISO/IEC 19770-1 compliance is an ongoing journey.

By addressing these 100 common non-conformities, your organization can build a stronger, more resilient IT Asset Management (ITAM) system, reduce audit risks, and ensure that all assets are effectively tracked and optimized.

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