



Hello %%First-Name%%,

Happy 2023! While the new year has brought news of a few high-profile organizations announcing more stringent Return-to-Work policies, the vast majority of organizations are employing a Hybrid model for the foreseeable future. This next year may be a tough one for employers looking to bring workers back as, according to a recent article in Forbes Magazine, 68% of Americans would prefer to be fully remote. This is also apparent in the quest to hire strong candidates. LinkedIn published a statistic recently that only 1 in 7 jobs posted on the site were fully remote but 50% of job seekers were applying to those fully remote jobs. Organizations that embrace Hybrid/Remote work and empower their employees to be productive and connected using Microsoft Teams are in position to attract and retain top talent and remain productive.

Microsoft Teams has been steadily growing in usage, largely due to the pandemic when Teams usage grew 90%. In early 2022, there were 270 million active users on Teams and that number is likely to have increased. Teams is a fantastic tool for sure, but its sprawl can become unwieldy and unmanageable if not addressed in a strategic manner. As Microsoft was planning their company-wide transition from Skype to Teams, a key step in the process was to implement governance. According to David Johnson who leads Microsoft 365 product strategy and deployment governance inside Microsoft Digital, "The one thing we had to get right was to deploy the governance framework that comes with Microsoft 365." They, like most organizations, wanted to empower their employees yet set up guardrails to ensure they didn't get into trouble.

Microsoft Teams is here to stay and continue enabling employees to be productive whether in the office, working from home, or from anywhere in the world. If you are seeking some assistance to roll out Microsoft Teams or apply governance to your current implementation, reach out at any time to discuss with the Compass365 team. Below are some great resources, videos, and posts about Microsoft Teams/Teams Governance.

Microsoft Teams Resources



Plan For Governance to Transform Teamwork with Microsoft 365

Microsoft provides a great set of resources on governance planning and application for Microsoft 365 teamwork.

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Deploying Microsoft Teams across Microsoft Hinged on Good Governance

The role governance played when Microsoft moved 250,000 employees and licensed vendors and 600,000 guests to Teams.

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How Microsoft Enables Its Employees to Work Remotely with Microsoft Teams

Guidance and Teams features Microsoft uses to empower remote workers and keep them connected with Microsoft Teams.

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Top 5 Latest Features in Microsoft Teams

Over the past few months Microsoft has rolled out some exciting new features within Teams. The top 5 new Microsoft Teams features we are excited about.

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Top Benefits for Remote Employees

1. Work-Life Balance Improvements
2. Lower Stress
3. Affordable Housing Options

Top Benefits for Employers Offering Remote Work

1. Employee Retention
2. Recruitment Advantages
3. Reduced Operational Expenses

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As always, the Compass365 team is here to assist you in improving the way your organization operates and your employees work with SharePoint and the Microsoft 365 platform. If you have a vision for driving improvements and would like to discuss your ideas with our team of Microsoft consultants, please reach out at any time.

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Thank you for reading,
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