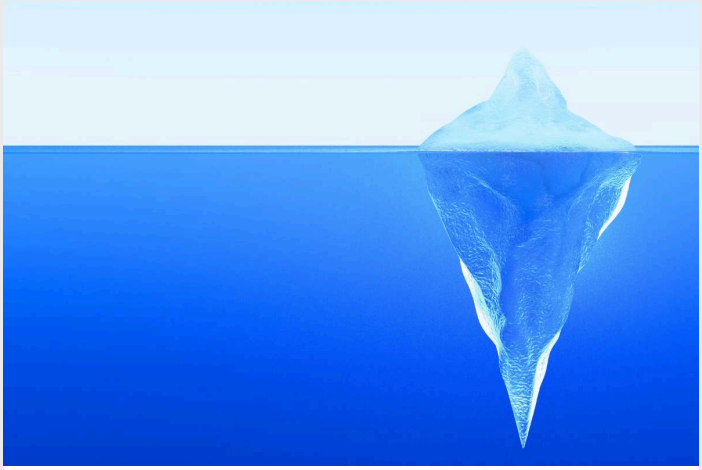


Hi {{[First-Name]}},

Ask most organizations what they spend on Microsoft 365 governance and they'll say nothing. There's no line item and nobody signed a purchase order. The work still gets done, though. It comes out of your IT team's hours, it's the cleanup every time someone leaves, and it's the scramble whenever an auditor calls.

That cost doesn't stay flat. Sites multiply, sharing links pile up, and ownership drifts every time someone changes roles. Some of the work can't be done by hand at all, however many people you add. That includes enforcing standards the moment a site is created and finding every risky sharing link across the whole tenant.

Copilot raises the stakes. It works with the permissions you already have, so an overshared file is one question away from the wrong person.

So, the real question isn't whether your team could handle governance. It's what you're buying with their time, and whether you'd approve that spend if it ever showed up as a line item.

To solve these challenges for our clients, we're partnering with Orchestry Software, a governance and lifecycle platform for SharePoint, Teams and OneDrive. You'll find more in the resources below.

Resources

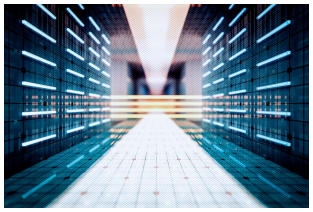
Whether you're putting a number on governance or getting ready for Copilot, these are worth your time. We've pulled together our own take along with research from Gartner and guidance straight from Microsoft.



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Governance rarely gets anyone's attention until something goes wrong, and by then it costs more to fix. If you've been meaning to take a closer look at your environment, now is a good time, especially if Copilot is on your roadmap.

If you'd like to talk through governance in your own environment, email Qais Gharib at ggharib@compass365.com. He'll take a look at your environment with you.

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