

# Developing an Effective Security Awareness Training Program

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# Agenda



- Identifying Risks
- Meeting Compliance Requirements
- Quality Training Content
- Frequency of Training and Ongoing Updates
- Gaining Support and Enforcement
- Measuring Effectiveness and ROI



# Identifying Risks

## Use your risk assessments to:

- Identify immediate risks facing your organization
- Prioritize areas or systems of significant risk
- Identify specific data types of higher risk
- Identify employees responsible for accessing systems/data



# Risks: Phishing

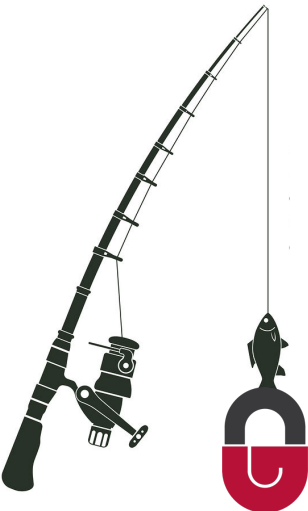
**61% increase** in the rate of phishing attacks

- Emails from unknown senders
- Clicking on fraudulent links / opening attachments
- Significant increase in attacks on mobiles



## TRAINING:

- How to recognize warning signs of an attack
- Everyone is responsible, not just IT
- No rushing through email at the end of the day, before a holiday, etc.



# Risks: Social Engineering



- Impersonating a co-worker/boss
- Information gathering
- Emotions – urgency, greed, curiosity, helpfulness, and fear

## TRAINING:

- Documented procedures on who has access to what
- Outlined approval processes
- Visitor management
- Incident reporting



# Risks: Bad Password Habits

- Are we embarrassed that 'password' is still the most commonly used password?
- Using the same password across multiple websites

## TRAINING:

- Creating secure passwords/passphrases
- Required password changes
- Password management



# PARTICIPANT POLL



# Risks: Vulnerable Document Processes



Printing sensitive information



Leaving sensitive information on desks



Storing sensitive documents on servers, file shares, personal accounts



Emailing sensitive information

## TRAINING:

- Protecting paper documents
- Storing in approved locations
- Encrypting communications or using approved methods to transmit sensitive information





# Risks: Third-Parties



Breaches caused by compromised vendors **20%**

Average cost of a breach

**\$4.46 million**

Organizations with vendor inventory

**33%**

## TRAINING:

- Policy for contracting only with vetted/approved vendors
- Monitoring vendor security and compliance ongoing
- Incident response/management for third-party compromise



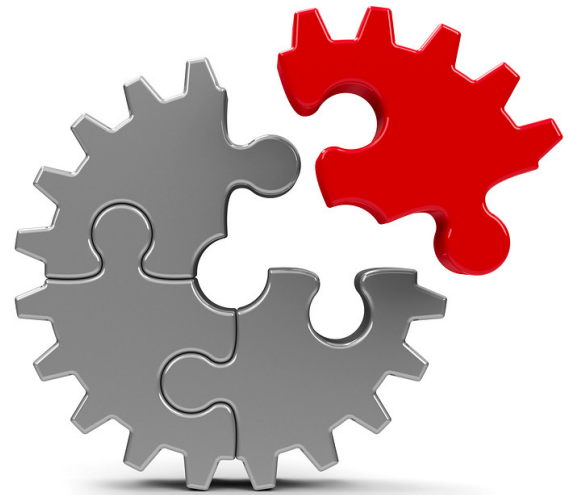
# Compliance Requirements

<b>PCI DSS</b>	
v3.2.1	General infosec awareness at hire and annually.
v4.0	Training must include phishing and social engineering threat awareness, focus on CDE risks, acceptable use training for end user technologies (email, laptops, etc.); annual updates.
<b>GLBA</b>	
All Staff	Annually and updated as needed based on specific threats identified in risk assessment.
Job-Specific	Significant level appropriate for Qualified Individual; knowledge of infosec personnel reflects current threat landscape.
<b>HIPAA</b>	
All Staff	Periodic training – awareness and training program for all workforce members to ensure the security and privacy of PHI.
<b>CMMC</b>	
NIST 800 171 r2	Organizational system users are trained on infosec risks and consequences of actions and associated policies for use.
NIST 800-172	Employees are trained to recognize/respond to current threats such as advanced persistent and insider threats, behaviors and social engineering techniques – includes exercises and effectiveness.
<b>FACTA Red Flags</b>	
All Staff	Training to ensure all staff/employees can effectively address red flag issues; prevent and mitigate identity theft.



# Training Content

- High quality content
- Applicable to employees' personal and professional lives
- Applicable to remote/hybrid work environments
- Risks and best practices
- Customizable/aligns with policy and procedure
- Targeted to specific roles/responsibilities
- Engaging and interactive
- Empowers decisions/behavior change



# Frequency/Updates



- On-boarding
- Ongoing (quarterly, monthly)
- Smaller, micro-modules
- Targeted campaigns
- Supplemental resources
- Ongoing evaluation
- Staff feedback



# Enforcement/Support



- **Need executive buy-in? Leverage compliance!**
  - GLBA board updates
  - Show the impact of an incident  
*(never waste a good crisis)*
  - Share risk assessment results to show likelihood
  - Request resources to support training requirements



# Measuring effectiveness

## Metrics:

- Reduction in system downtime or network/application outages
- Reduction in malware outbreaks and PC performance issues
- Reduction in resources spent responding to compromised machines (help desk tickets)
- Increase in reporting/questions
- Increase in number of personnel completing training
- Increase in comprehension (quizzes/training assessments)



\*Also great information for your required, annual written report to the board!



# Measuring effectiveness

- Phishing staff
- Password auditing



Questions?

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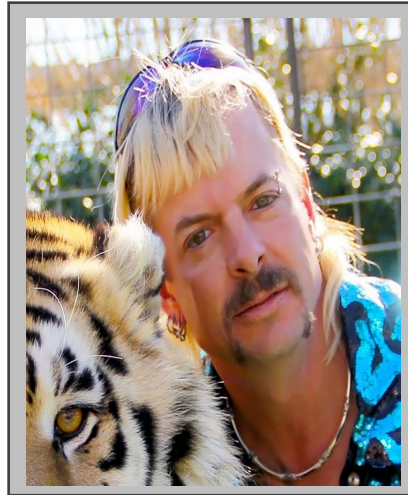




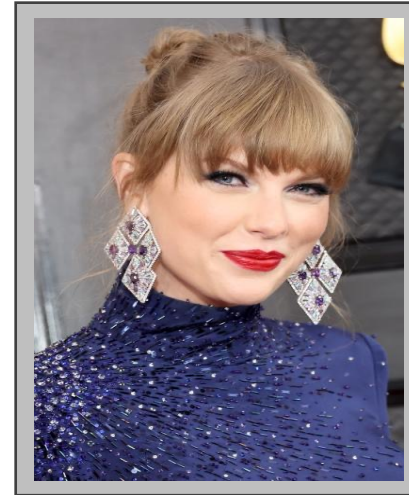
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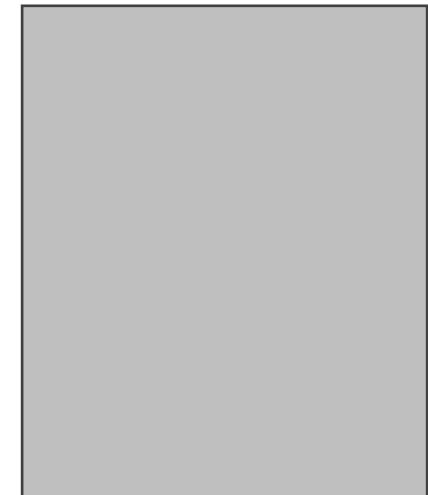
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