

CYBERSECURITY CURRENT PERSPECTIVES FOR BOARDS

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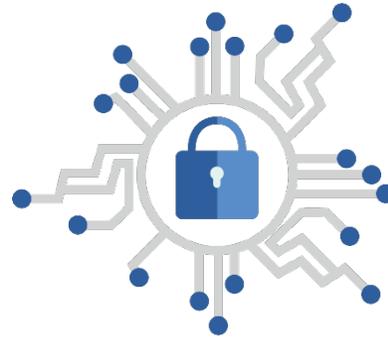


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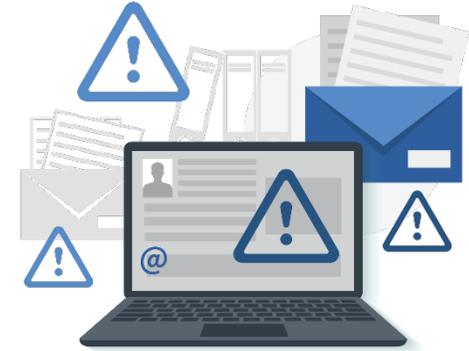
U.S. "Cybersecurity Law"



Laws imposing civil or criminal liability for **hacking**



Laws implementation of **security** measures



Laws requiring **notification** of security breaches



Contractual duties re: security and/or breach notification



Regulator enforcement **consent decrees**, and related requirements

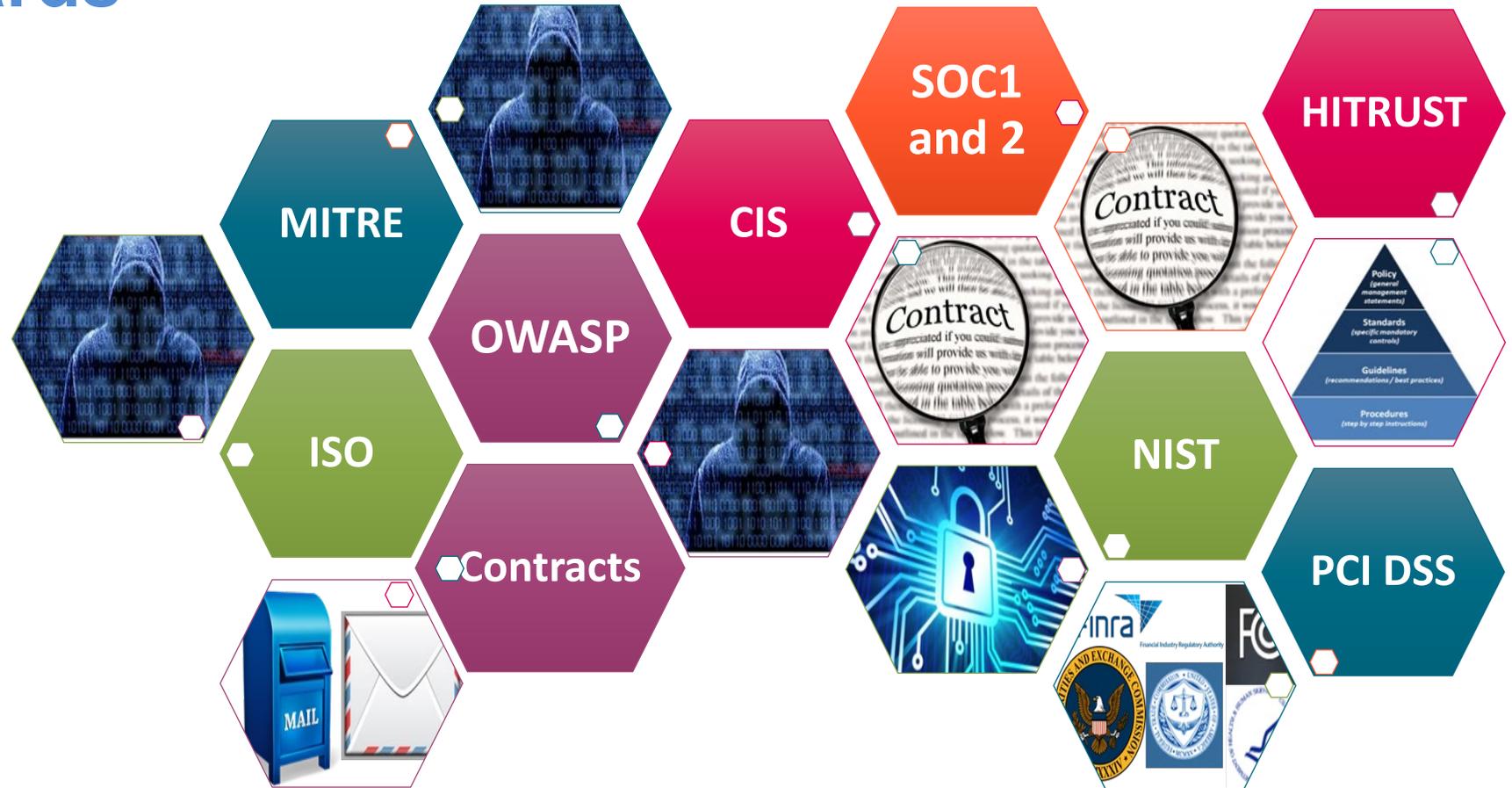


Regulator and industry **standards, guidelines, and frameworks**

Industry Standards

- **Key Points:**

- Not legal requirements
- Can be required by contract
- Some can be a safe harbor



U.S. State Breach Notification Laws



50 state breach notification and data security laws

Information Covered

- Name combined with SSN, driver's license or state ID, financial account numbers, etc.
- Some states include tax information, medical and health insurance information, or biometric information
- Usernames with passwords

Exemptions

- GLBA, HIPAA, other regulatory regime, written policies

Exceptions

- No Risk of Harm to the Individual
- Good Faith Acquisition by and Employee/Agent
- Non-Electronic Data (only hard copies)
- Encryption (without the key)
- Publicly available

"Data Breach"

- Triggered by **unauthorized acquisition / access / loss / use of** PI that compromises the confidentiality, integrity or security of data in electronic or hard copy.

Consequences

- **Notification to:**
 - **Individuals**
 - **States Attorneys General**
- **Timing:** varies, as short as 10 days from determination of breach

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act



Breach Notification Rule

Protected Health Information ("PHI")

Information that is (1) individually identifiable, (2) created or received by a Covered Entity ("CE") or Business Associate ("BA") and (3) relates to the:

- Physical or mental health or condition of an individual,
- Provision of health care to an individual, or
- Payment for health care provided to an individual

Exceptions

- Financial Transaction
- Low probability PHI compromised
- Unintentional workforce acquisition, access, or use (good faith and within scope of authority)
- Inadvertent disclosure within CE or BA
- Good faith belief no retention of information

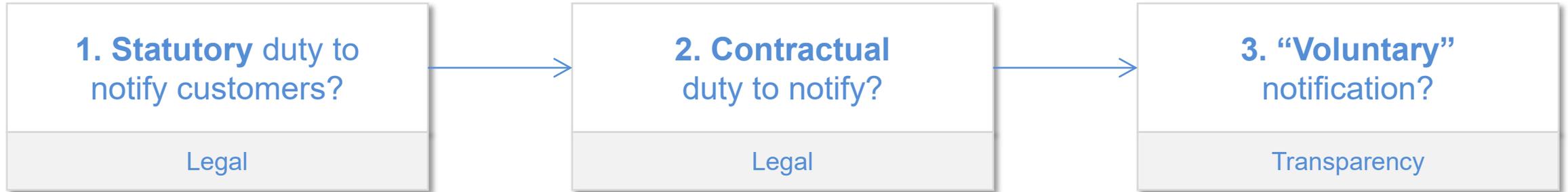
"Breach of Security"

- **Unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI** that compromises the privacy or security of PHI.

Consequences

- **Notice to OCR:** If 500 or more individuals are affected, CEs must notify OCR without unreasonable delay and in no case later than **60 calendar days** after discovery of breach. CEs can notify HHS-OCR annually if fewer than 500 individuals are affected.
- **Notice to individuals and the media:** Individuals must be notified without unreasonable delay and in no case later than **60 calendar days** after discovery of breach. If more than 500 individuals in a single state or jurisdiction, the media must be notified.
- **OCR Investigation:** OCR must investigate breaches with 500 or more affected individuals.

Legal Framework: Obligation to Notify



- Generally trigger on unauthorized “access” or “acquisition” of personal information, plus exceptions
- 50+ separate U.S. state laws + territories
- FTC ACT Notice
- Rest-of-world

- Differs by customer re: definitions and duties
- Contractual duties unaffected by statute

- Forensics are often inconclusive, which leads to a multi-factor decision tree
- Voluntary notice scenarios based on facts, risk mitigation and ethical concerns

What is your North Star?



Legal Framework

- **Obligation to conduct a “reasonable” investigation**
 - State Breach Notification Statutes
 - FTC Act
 - Industry-specific Requirements
 - GLBA Guidance
 - GDPR (and, increasingly, other international regimes, e.g., China, Turkey, Brazil)
 - Contracts
- **What is a reasonable investigation?**
 - Balance of factors including volume and sensitivity of data, type of attack, burden of investigation, and industry custom
 - Practical concerns

Third-Party Risk Management

- Conduct diligence on security
- Consider contractual provisions
 - Statutory requirements (reasonable security)
 - Breach notification
 - Liability provisions
- Ongoing review and assessment to verify compliance

Third-Party Cyber Security & Data Loss Prevention



SEC Finalizes Cybersecurity Disclosure Rules

- Effective December 18, 2023, companies must disclose material cybersecurity incidents, including certain third-party incidents, on a Form 8-K.
- The materiality determination must be made "*without unreasonable delay*," a slight softening from the proposal.
 - Disclosure must describe the incident's nature, scope, timing and effect, less detail than the proposal.
- There is a limited exception for delay if requested by the United States Attorney General.
- Governance disclosures focus on board and management processes for cyber risk, and apply starting with 10-K filings for fiscal years ending on or after December 15, 2023.
- Companies do not have to disclose director cyber expertise, or how the board considers cybersecurity in company strategy.



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

17 CFR Parts 229, 232, 239, 240, and 249

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Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is adopting new rules to enhance and standardize disclosures regarding cybersecurity risk management, strategy, governance, and incidents by public companies that are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Specifically, we are adopting amendments to require current disclosure about material cybersecurity incidents. We are also adopting rules requiring periodic disclosures about a registrant's processes to assess, identify, and manage material cybersecurity risks, management's role in assessing and managing material cybersecurity risks, and the board of directors' oversight of cybersecurity risks. Lastly, the final rules require the cybersecurity disclosures to be presented in Inline eXtensible Business Reporting Language ("Inline XBRL").

DATES: *Effective date:* The amendments are effective [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Compliance dates: See Section II.I (Compliance Dates).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nabeel Cheema, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3430, in the Office of Rulemaking, Division of Corporation Finance; and, with respect to the application of the rules to business development companies, David Joire, Senior Special

SEC Rulemaking: Themes and Trends

"A registrant's materiality determination regarding a cybersecurity incident must be made without unreasonable delay after discovery of the incident."



"[I]dentify any board committee or subcommittee responsible for the oversight of risks from cybersecurity threats and describe the processes by which the board or such committee is informed about such risk"

- Increased SEC focus on **process disclosure**
- SEC increasingly seeking disclosure of **specific uniform data**, regardless of whether material to the issuer
- SEC seeking detailed **board governance disclosures** – personnel, processes, and views
- SEC seeking detailed **disclosure about management-level governance** – personnel, processes, and views
- SEC focused on **risk management programs** and related disclosures



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR BOARDS

Trending: Focus on Executives and Boards

Business

Yahoo Shareholder Sues Company For Delaying Data Breach Disclosures

A Yahoo shareholder has sued the company's directors in Santa Clara County Superior Court for allegedly violating their fiduciary duties.

By [Norcal Patch \(Patch Staff\)](#) - March 10, 2017 11:53 am ET | P |

RISK MANAGEMENT

Shareholder sues Wendy's over data breach

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A Wendy's Co. shareholder has filed a derivative lawsuit against the company and



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SEC sues SolarWinds over massive cyberattack, alleging fraud and weak controls

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Target CEO Gregg Steinhafel Resigns In Data Breach Fallout



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FTC seeks to hold Drizly CEO accountable for alleged security failures, even if he moves to another company

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Wyndham Worldwide Board Hit with Cyber Breach-Related Derivative Lawsuit

Typical Post-Breach Claims Against Officers & Directors

Failure to:

- ❌ Implement and monitor effective cybersecurity program;
- ❌ Protect company assets and business by recklessly disregarding cybersecurity risks and ignoring “red flags”;
- ❌ Implement and maintain internal controls to protect customer or employee personal and financial information;
- ❌ Take reasonable steps to timely notify individuals that company’s information security system was breached; and/or
- ❌ Implement controls or oversee cybersecurity program, resulting in a waste of corporate assets.

Caused or allowed company to:

- ❌ Disseminate materially false and misleading statements to shareholders regarding incident; and/or
- ❌ Make false or misleading cyber-risk disclosures in public filings

Key Questions for Execs / Board Members To Consider

- **Top Cybersecurity Risks:** What are our top cybersecurity risks, and what is the residual risk the business is accepting?
- **Risk Ownership:** Who in management has primary ownership of cybersecurity risk?
- **Security Framework:** Do we use a security framework, such as National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework, and how has our maturity evolved over time?
- **Considering External and Internal Threats:** Are both external and internal threats considered when planning cybersecurity program activities?
- **Periodic Assessments:** Do we conduct periodic technical and risk assessments? Do we base remediation and security improvements on identified risks?
- **Auditing:** Do we audit and test our security controls, practices and procedures, to ensure we are following them, and they are working effectively?
- **Vulnerability Management Program:** Do we have a vulnerability management program and standardized SLAs for addressing / mitigating / remediating vulnerabilities?
- **Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery:** Do we have a BC/DR strategy? Is it integrated into our incident response process? Do we test it regularly?



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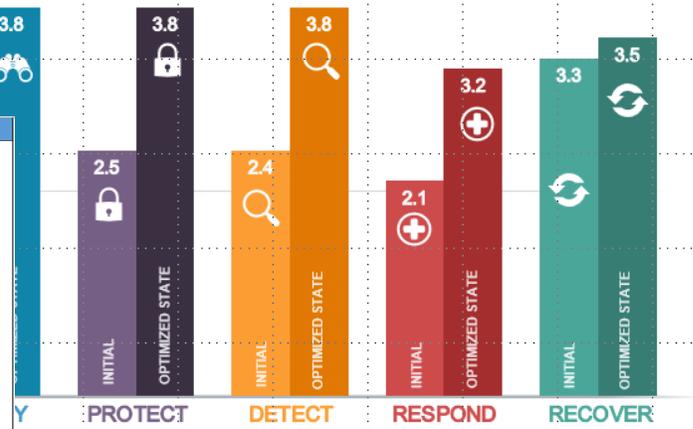
- **Vendors:** Do we require vendors to have a minimum level of security, and test them regularly?
- **Threat Intelligence:** Do we have a structured and comprehensive approach to obtaining threat intelligence, including participating in threat intelligence sharing forums to develop understanding of threat landscape (e.g., FS-ISAC)?
- **Employees:** Are employees trained and made aware of their role related to cybersecurity? Does every employee receive some basic cybersecurity awareness training? Do we offer remedial training for those who need it?
- **Inventory of Data and Assets:** Do we have an inventory of data and assets that might be subject to compromise (e.g., data map or network map)?
- **Encryption:** Do we use encryption to protect data in transit and at rest?
- **Incident Response Plan:** In the event of a cyberattack, has management developed a robust incident response plan? Do we have outside resources that may be necessary if there's an attack?
- **Cyber Insurance:** Do we have cyber liability or other insurance to cover costs of forensic analysis, legal services, public relations, credit monitoring, litigation defense, etc.?



Regular Board Briefings by Company Security Team

- Establishing baseline of the current cybersecurity program
- Cybersecurity roadmap development and progress to goals

| NIST Pillar | NIST Process Area | Category ID | High Risk | | | | | | | | | | Medium Risk | | | | | | | | | | Low Risk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Basic | Intermediate | Advanced | Optimized |
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| External protected | External protected | Documented and employed standards | Intelligence feeds | Integrated processes into risk management framework |
| Basic tools | Basic tools | < 24 hours to detect nefarious | < 7 hours to detect nefarious activity | Near real-time-detection Integration into Microsoft PAC |
| Basic playbook | Basic playbook | Federated SIEM Integrated crisis management | Red Team drills | Destructive testing 3rd party IR integration Hardened Backups |
| SDLC and Operations | SDLC and Operations | Forensics Compliant | Ransomware Settlement Service | Minimal access rights Dark Web scans Advanced authentication |
| Onboarding & Off- | Onboarding & Off- | Dormant Account Controls | Privileged Account Management | Minimal access rights Dark Web scans Advanced authentication |
| OWASP best practices leveraged | OWASP best practices leveraged | Role Based Provisioning | Service Account Controls | Minimal access rights Dark Web scans Advanced authentication |
| Risk Management | Adhoc | Known risks are prioritized for remediation Published risk registry Processes to identify adversaries | NIST Compliance Risk Management integrated into disciplines | 3rd Party Risk Management to understand supply chain and service risks ISO 27K accredited ISMS |
| Red Team | Adhoc | Occasional penetration Integration into ISAC organizations | Dedicated Red Team to threat hunt Mature Red Team and process | Red Team leverage for 3rd party relationships Team quality control |
| Security Culture | Adhoc | Occasional awareness messaging | Managed security awareness testing Awareness program tailored based on job function and risks | Integrated into performance management and access constricted based on risk |

- Key (15) questions for Board members

QUESTIONS?





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