

# Cybersecurity: Minimizing the X-Factor

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# Data Security and Privacy Incidents Are on the Rise

## Data Security Incidents: No One Is Immune Three Reasons to Think About Privacy and Data Security

### 1. THE LAW DEMANDS IT

Specific protections for personal information

Security safeguards for certain kinds of data

Breach notification, including penalties for failure to comply

### 2. CONSUMERS EXPECT IT

Potential for identity theft and other consumer losses

Impact on product or environmental safety

Lost consumer confidence

### 3. HIGH COSTS OF INACTION

Billions lost in cyber theft of intellectual property and breach costs as high as \$217 per record

Potential damages from security lapses in vendors, contractors or affiliates

Lawsuits and regulatory enforcement actions

# Why More Companies are Paying Attention to Cybersecurity

ASHLEY  
MADISON®



SONY



IRS

 TARGET®

*Neiman Marcus*

# Why More Companies are Paying Attention to Cybersecurity



In 2015, average cost for each lost or stolen record increased from \$201 to \$217.

Total average cost paid by U.S. company increased from \$5.9 million to \$6.5 million.

*Source: Ponemon Institute 2015 Cost of Data Breach Study: United States*

# Why More Companies are Paying Attention to Cybersecurity

- ▶ The legal costs
  - ▶ Data breach notification
  - ▶ Data breach litigation
  - ▶ Regulatory enforcement
- ▶ The non-legal costs
  - ▶ Loss of consumer/shareholder/employee confidence
    - ▶ Ponemon Institute: reputation and loss of customer loyalty do the most damage to the bottom line
  - ▶ Business interruption
    - ▶ Disabled web storefront
    - ▶ Demands on employee time
  - ▶ Loss of intellectual property, confidential information



# Minimizing the X-factor: Understanding Data and Risk

- ▶ Know your organization
  - ▶ Increased regulatory focus on “tone at the top”
  - ▶ Understand applicable laws and regulations
  - ▶ Implement data security and privacy policies, procedures, and training
- ▶ Know your data
  - ▶ e.g., personal, employee, consumer, proprietary
  - ▶ Understand and implement safeguards
- ▶ Know your risks
  - ▶ Insider threat (including inadvertent disclosure); vendors; suppliers; contractors; customers; and employees; bring your own device
  - ▶ Cyber attack
  - ▶ Physical threat and natural disasters

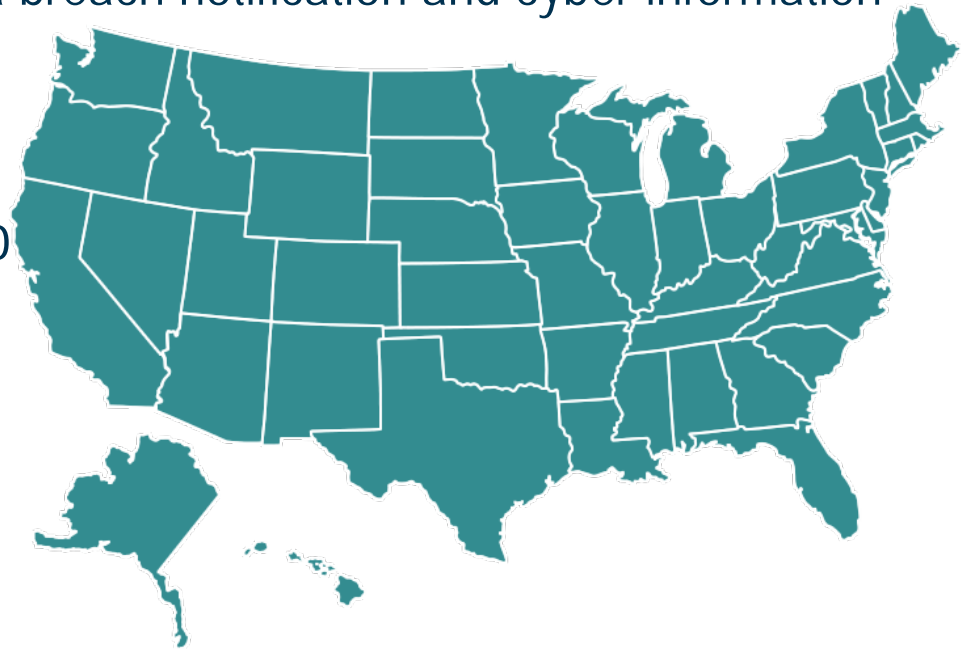
# Minimizing the X-Factor: Navigating the Legal and Regulatory Landscape

- ▶ New laws; old proposals
- ▶ Regulatory enforcement
- ▶ Recent data breach court decisions
  - ▶ Split among courts as to whether there is actual injury/standing
  - ▶ Viability of state claims



# U.S. Legislative Landscape

- ▶ Federal laws govern certain industries: e.g., HIPAA applies to healthcare sector
- ▶ Otherwise, no overarching federal cybersecurity/data breach notification law or cybersecurity standards
  - ▶ Congress considering data breach notification and cyber information sharing legislation
- ▶ Patchwork of 47 state laws, plus laws in DC, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands





# U.S. Legislative Landscape: State Laws

- ▶ In general, data breach = an event in which NAME + SS# or FINANCIAL INFO are accessible to unauthorized individual
- ▶ When a data breach occurs, data subjects must be notified and usually provided some explanation about incident
  - ▶ Notification to regulators: Indiana says notify AG
  - ▶ Most states require prompt notification: Indiana says without unreasonably delay (often interpreted as 30 days)
- ▶ The law that applies = law of the state where data subject resides
  - ▶ May or may not be state where company is headquartered
  - ▶ Often means company has to comply with 47+ different laws

# U.S. Regulatory Landscape

- ▶ NIST Cybersecurity Framework
  - ▶ Not a regulation, but provides roadmap for regulators and industry to identify risk and defend against threats
- ▶ National Association of Insurance Commissioners
  - ▶ 12 cybersecurity principles for insurers to protect consumer information
- ▶ Securities and Exchange Commission
  - ▶ Issued guidance in 2011 on the disclosure of cybersecurity risks and incidents
- ▶ Federal Trade Commission
  - ▶ Has authority under Section 5 of FTC Act to investigate “unfair/deceptive acts or practices”
  - ▶ Pursues companies that don’t keep promises made in privacy statements (this is deceptive)
  - ▶ Pursues companies that don’t provide adequate security (this is unfair)



# U.S. Regulatory Landscape: *FTC v. Wyndham*

- ▶ *FTC v. Wyndham Worldwide Corp.*, No. 14-3514 (3d Cir. 2015)
  - ▶ Arose out of security breach involving 619,000 customers, \$10 million in fraudulent transactions
  - ▶ FTC sued Wyndham for failing to protect its customers
  - ▶ Wyndham moved to dismiss on ground that FTC failed to provide businesses with adequate notice of what constitutes “unfair” data security practices
  - ▶ Court: FTC has authority to take action against companies that employ poor IT security practices
  - ▶ FTC :
    - ▶ Every General Counsel should know what FTC is doing
    - ▶ Basic security deficiencies outlined in complaint—FTC guidance



# U.S. Litigation Landscape

- ▶ Consumer class actions
- ▶ Suits by credit card companies, banks, and other issuing entities
- ▶ Shareholder derivative cases and securities litigation
  - ▶ Claims for breach of fiduciary duty, or even securities fraud; challenge conduct of officers/directors before & after breach
  - ▶ Lessons from case law
    - ▶ Regularly discuss data security/privacy at BoD meetings
    - ▶ Give BoD committee oversight of data security/privacy
    - ▶ Periodically have third-party consultants assess IT security; consider any deficiencies
    - ▶ Establish incident response team
    - ▶ Fully investigate any breach allegation



# Minimizing the X-Factor: Incident Response

## ► Prepare

- Engage management
- Review/update policies and procedures
- Develop incident response plan
- Detection/prevention/insurance
- Practice, Practice

## ► Respond

- Execute response plan
- Stop the bleeding
- Take remedial action
- Engage external experts—  
forensics, outside counsel, insurers



# Minimizing the X-Factor: Incident Response

- ▶ Investigate
  - ▶ Find out who, what, how, when, and why
  - ▶ Identify compromised data
  - ▶ Determine obligation to notify
- ▶ Communicate
  - ▶ Internally—employees, management, advisors, affiliates, and BoD
  - ▶ Externally—insurance, law enforcement, regulators, elected officials, shareholders, affiliates, customers, and media
  - ▶ Assess potential liability, claims, or public safety issues
- ▶ Comply
  - ▶ Identify and comply with federal and state laws and regulations
  - ▶ Develop litigation response strategy

# Minimizing the X-Factor: Review and Update Policies

- ▶ General Privacy
- ▶ Social Media
- ▶ Bring your own device
- ▶ Employee Monitoring
- ▶ Information Technology Usage
- ▶ Information and Physical Security
- ▶ Data Collection, Sharing, and Retention
  - ▶ Vendor agreements (e.g., data safeguards, responsibility to protect data, responsibility in event of a breach, compliance, liability considerations)
- ▶ Incident Response
- ▶ Training



# Thank you!



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