

10 STEPS TO REDUCE the impact of cyberattacks

Learn how you can position your organization to discourage cyberattacks and respond decisively to an attack if one occurs.

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Back it up

Back up your systems regularly and securely, and keep an offline copy. Test your backup restore process.

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Have a plan

Your organization must have an incident response plan (IRP) in place and run through it with various cyber playbooks.

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Get cyber insurance

Some policies may require a certain level of organizational cybermaturity, and most can help handle the costs associated with a cybersecurity incident.

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Gather a team

Have a team ready to assist when needed, including people from internal/external IT, HR, legal and cybersecurity/incident response teams, as well as other key stakeholders.

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Test your environment

A vulnerability assessment/penetration test of your environment can help determine any gaps to be filled. Tests should be conducted twice a year or during technology changes.

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Implement your IRP

A well-crafted and well-rehearsed IRP can save you time when dealing with a cyber incident.

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Submit a claim

Call your cyber insurance provider for advice and next steps in making a claim. Additionally, RSM can help you understand what insurance providers are looking for when it comes to submitting a cyber insurance claim.

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Make it privileged

Breach counsel can help determine what constitutes PII, PHI, PCI or other protected/regulated data, and when notification is required. Retaining breach counsel also protects your communication under lawyer-client and litigation privilege.

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Get the right help

Recovering too quickly from a breach may lead to a lack of forensic evidence needed for a claim. RSM can help you gather what is required for an investigation, while assisting in the timely recovery of your systems.

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Compile lessons learned

Once the breach has been contained and investigated, RSM can work with you to determine lessons learned and additional steps to mitigate future cyberattacks.

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