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Why Cyber Criminals Don't Care if you're a "Good" Target

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RETURN STRONGER



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1. Most Cyber Criminals aren't 'hunting'... They are "net" fishing
 - Broad campaigns, aimed at catching anyone who is easy prey
 - Automated campaigns
 - Social Engineering based on data-mining intelligence for believability



If you fall into their net, they merely need to decide if you're worth the time to exploit.

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2. It's not about what your business is worth TO THEM. It's about what it's worth TO YOU
 - Ransomware: Encrypt your data and expose it publicly... unless you pay.



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3. They want your customers, or your suppliers

- Business Email Compromise: Capture access to email; leverage the access for fraud.

Trick you or your employees to wire \$ to a nefarious account

Trick you to pay suppliers to a nefarious account

Trick you or your employees to buy and send gift cards

Redirect your customers to pay invoices to a nefarious account

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4. They use you as an entry point to your customers
 - You're a means to an end. If you have privileged access to your customers networks, you are THEIR vulnerability.



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4. What are you really worth to a cyber criminal?

- Financial assets
- Personally identifiable information records
- Personal health information records
- Financial records
- What access do you have, to whom?



Small and Medium Business Vulnerability



Beware of incoming Compliance Regulations

- Enterprise companies, Government and insurance are passing along security requirements at an accelerating pace?
 - Do you sales people get security questionnaires?
 - HIPAA, PCI, SOC 2, GDPR, CCPA, CMMC, more... are coming



What can we do?

- Start by LOCKING YOUR FRONT DOOR
 1. Turn on Multi-Factor-Authentication
 2. Use a password manager tool
 3. Change default passwords
 4. Backup your data
 5. Encrypt your notebooks
 6. Train yourself and your staff
 7. Consult your IT team (internal or external)
- Plan ahead
 - What are your biggest risks?
 - What will you do WHEN you have a breach?
 - Engage a security consultant



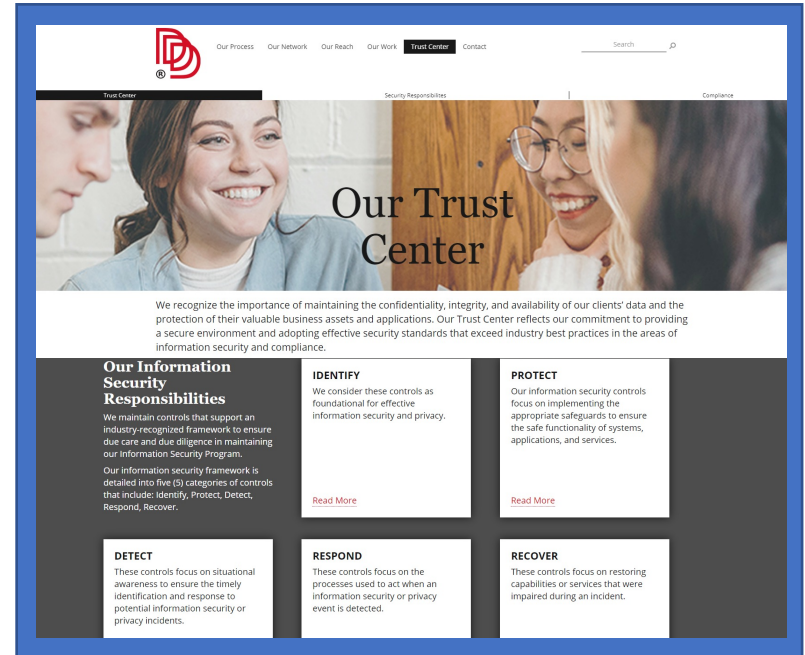
But I Have Cyber Insurance...

- Many cyber insurance policies exclude social engineering attacks
- Most attacks are Social Engineering
- Social Engineering: Phishing, Smishing, Fraud
- Some cyber insurance policies exclude “unauthorized software installation”
- Check your policies for exclusions and clauses



And Don't forget about Security as Differentiation

- People buy from people they like and TRUST
- Make it easier to buy from you
- If you're competitors are secure and you're not... you'll lose
- Vice-versa
- Accelerate your sales team's security responses



The screenshot shows a corporate website page titled "Our Trust Center". The page features a navigation bar with links for "Our Process", "Our Network", "Our Reach", "Our Work", "Trust Center", and "Contact". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area includes a hero image of three people smiling, with the text "Our Trust Center" overlaid. Below the hero image is a paragraph explaining the importance of maintaining confidentiality, integrity, and availability of clients' data. The page is divided into six sections, each with a heading and a brief description of a security responsibility, followed by a "Read More" link.

Our Information Security Responsibilities
We maintain controls that support an industry-recognized framework to ensure due care and due diligence in maintaining our Information Security Program. Our information security framework is detailed into five (5) categories of controls that include: Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, Recover.

IDENTIFY
We consider these controls as foundational for effective information security and privacy.
[Read More](#)

PROTECT
Our information security controls focus on implementing the appropriate safeguards to ensure the safe functionality of systems, applications, and services.
[Read More](#)

DETECT
These controls focus on situational awareness to ensure the timely identification and response to potential information security or privacy incidents.

RESPOND
These controls focus on the processes used to act when an information security or privacy event is detected.

RECOVER
These controls focus on restoring capabilities or services that were impaired during an incident.

About Cosant Cyber Security

A vendor-neutral security consultant that helps successful clients who are concerned about compliance and regulatory requirements passed onto them by their customers.

We help clients reduce anxiety about exposing stakeholders to security incidents, reducing the risk to their brand, reputation and income.

Our 4-step security process:

1. Assess Vulnerabilities and Gaps
2. Build the Security and Resiliency Plan
3. Lead or co-lead plan Execution
4. Maintenance



1st – Identify Vulnerabilities

- Ransomware
- Phishing
- Employees
- Website
- Bank Account & Funds Transfer

Cyber Security Vulnerabilities

- 5% Technology
- 95% People

Solution

- Policies
- Training
- Operationalize

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2nd – Mitigate Risk

- Risk:

Likelihood of occurrence * Impact of occurrence

- Return on Security Investment:

Impact of occurrence/cost to remediate



There are several Low/No-Cost opportunities to reduce your risk.

Employee Training



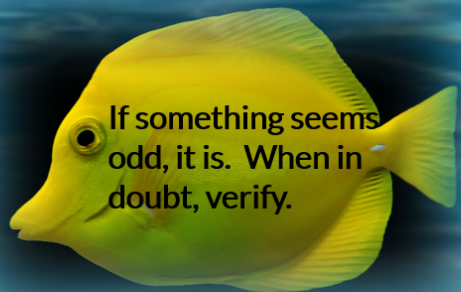
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email**



**Verify executive
requests or sensitive
directions via phone**



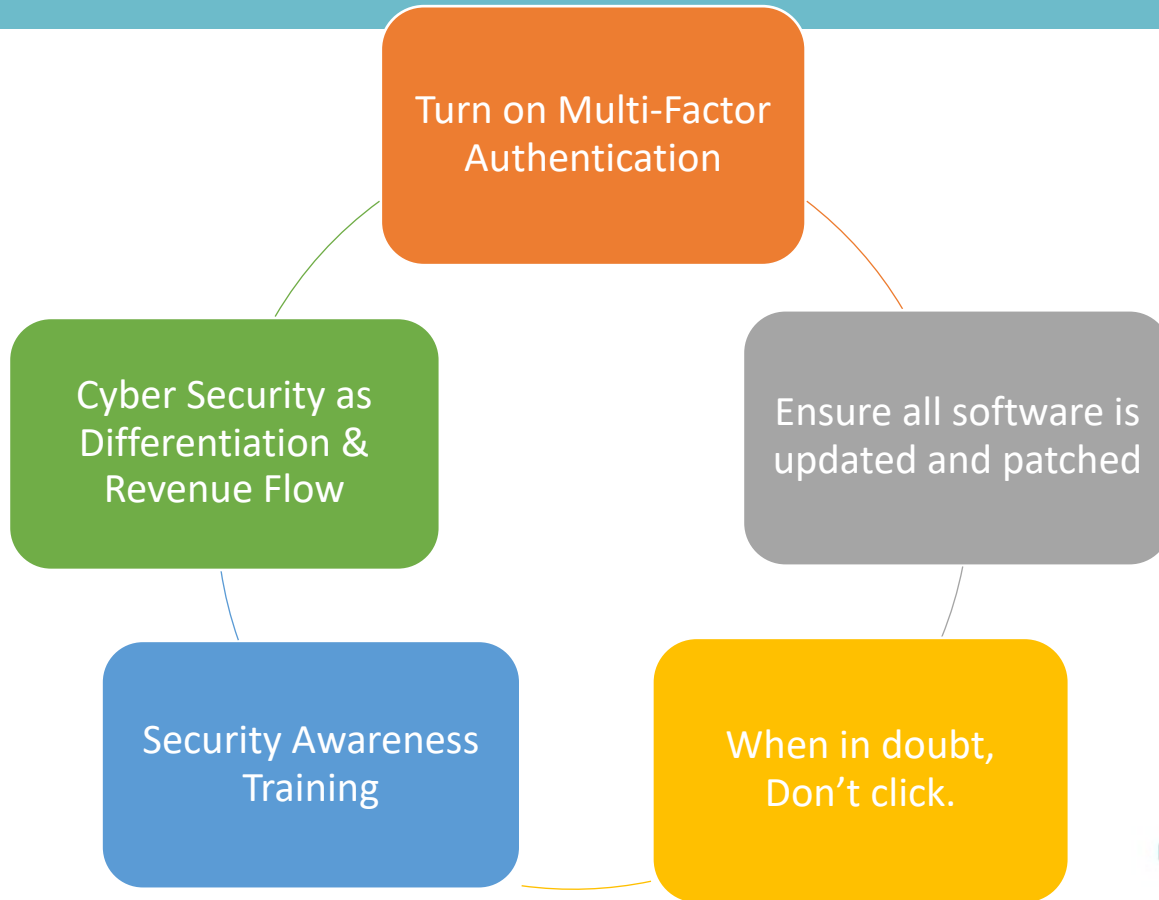
**No attachments from
unknown Senders**



**If something seems
odd, it is. When in
doubt, verify.**



Don't miss the 5 take-aways



Our Gift For You.....

1. A top-line “Cost of Incident” estimate using the online calculator we shared before.
 - What is your risk?
2. A dark-web scan of your email address.
 - Are your credentials in the dark?

Text me at 480-678-7778

- Name, Email address, # of customer records, data type (financial, Health, personal)