

What You Need to Know About Cyber Security Right Now



The Implications of the VTech Toys Security Breach: How This Breach Puts Your Kids at Risk

When we hear about a data breach, we tend to treat it like other "bad news"; we let it pass through our radar only momentarily. Even if it could affect us in terms of credit card theft, identity theft or even exposing our habits or secrets, if we don't get hit directly, it's easy to just digest it in the moment and then get on with our busy schedules.

But one of the most recent security breaches has new and even more vulnerable targets: our children.

Troy Hunt, an Internet security expert, wrote this weekend that while adults were becoming accustomed to data breaches, compromising the identities of children was disturbing. Among the potential security gaps created by this breach, the hacked data could allow someone to link a child to his or her parents and pinpoint the child's physical address.

Other information exposed in this breach were photos of children, chat logs and other more personal data. While no credit card information was allegedly exposed, for some reason this breach feels more personal and like nothing – and nobody – is off limits.

In short: no data is safe, whether it is financial or otherwise. And no company is off limits, whether it has data about finances or your kids. There is no company that should not be engaging in best practices for cyber security.

What should you be doing to keep your data safe?
What should your organization be doing to keep its information safe?

If you want to answer to those questions, check out our Cyber Security Course Catalog. Start by taking a look at the courses below.

Cyber Security Training Courses for Individuals & Organizations



PCI Security Standards on the Phone and Online

Learn how to protect your data, how information can be protected, and how to ensure you know WHICH data needs protection.

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This interactive, award winning course shows you how to recognize the risks and refuse the bait. If it was easy, everyone would do it!

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Holiday Advice: 3 Ways to Keep Safe from Cyber Attacks

The holidays are one of the busiest, and therefore most vulnerable, times for companies and individuals to become victims of cyber attacks.

Preventing cyber thieves from accessing your information requires a little extra diligence. Do you check to make sure websites that require access to your personal data, like credit cards, social security numbers and birthdates, are secure?

Here are three things you need to watch for if you are doing anything online that requires personal or sensitive data:

1. When making online purchases, always look at your Web browser for the "https" (as opposed to just "http") protocol that precedes a Web address. The "s" let's you know that the Website provides a layer of security for transmitting your personal information over the Internet.
2. When visiting online retailers, be sure to type the actual website address into your browser. Do not follow links provided by email offers, other websites or pop-up ads. In some cases, these links could take you to phishing sites or sites designed to infect your computer. They are designed to look exactly like the legitimate website.
3. Computer users, especially those who don't have their browser and security software up to date, should be wary of clicking on links posted on social networking and micro blogging sites. These sites have fast become a cybercriminal's playground. Shortened URLs make it easier to share, tweet, or e-mail links to friends but they also create a security threat. It is now much easier for cybercriminals to disguise the destination of their malicious links - click on it and it's then too late as the victim lands on an infected site.

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