

Data Do's and Don'ts: How to Keep Your Employee Data Safe



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Agenda

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- The Dark Side of PII Management
- PII and the Equity Data Life Cycle
- Assessing Weakness in the Cycle
- Assessing the Risks
- Action Plan to Strengthen Your Data Security
- Recommendations

Personal Identifying Information (PII)

- *Generally* includes individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following:
 - Social security number;
 - Driver's license or identification number; or
 - Account number, credit or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code or password
- OR
- Medical or health insurance information (not covered in this presentation)

The Dark Side of PII Management

- 50% of data breaches caused by a stolen/lost laptop
 - A laptop is stolen every 12 seconds
 - 88 % employee negligence
 - 44 % third-party mistakes (e.g., your copy vendor)
 - 5 % employee theft
 - 95 % of employee theft cases involve IT personnel

Sources: Open Security Foundation, datalossdb.org; Ponemon Institute, ponemon.org

Other Types of Data Breaches

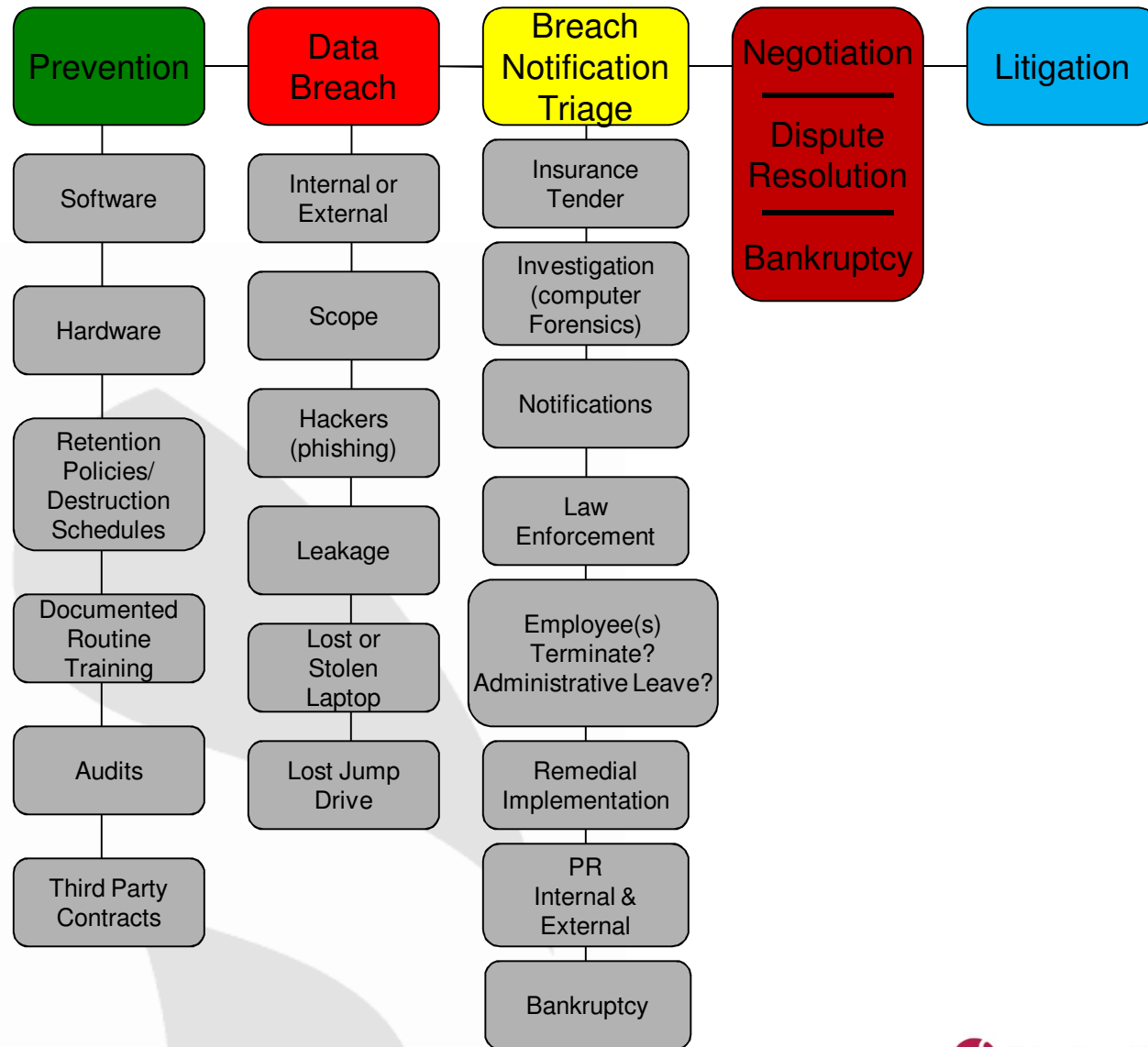
- Lost or stolen computers or storage devices
- Inadvertently including PII on mail merged envelope labels
- Employees rummaging through files
- Unsealed envelopes in the mail
- Tossing PII without shredding
- Private data left on copier buffers
- Phishing
- Malware (Rootkits, Botnets, Viruses, Worms, Spyware)
- Credit card “knuckle scraper” papers

The Cost of a Data Breach

- 509 million records were compromised in last three years (2008 – 2010)
- A typical lost or stolen laptop cost a business an average of \$50,000 due to data breach
- Range of loss to the individual: \$1,213 to \$975,527

Sources: 2011 Verizon Data Breach Investigation Report; Open Security Foundation, datalossdb.org; Ponemon Institute, ponemon.org

Lifecycle of Data & the Security Breach



The Patchwork of Laws

- Key federal laws
 - Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA regulated by FTC)
 - Federal Credit Reporting Act (FCRA regulated by FTC)
 - Fair & Accurate Credit Transactions Act and Red Flags Rules (FACTA regulated by FTC)
 - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) (regulated by HHS)
 - The Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act
 - The Communications Decency Act
 - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)
 - Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act (CAN-SPAM)
 - Federal Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act

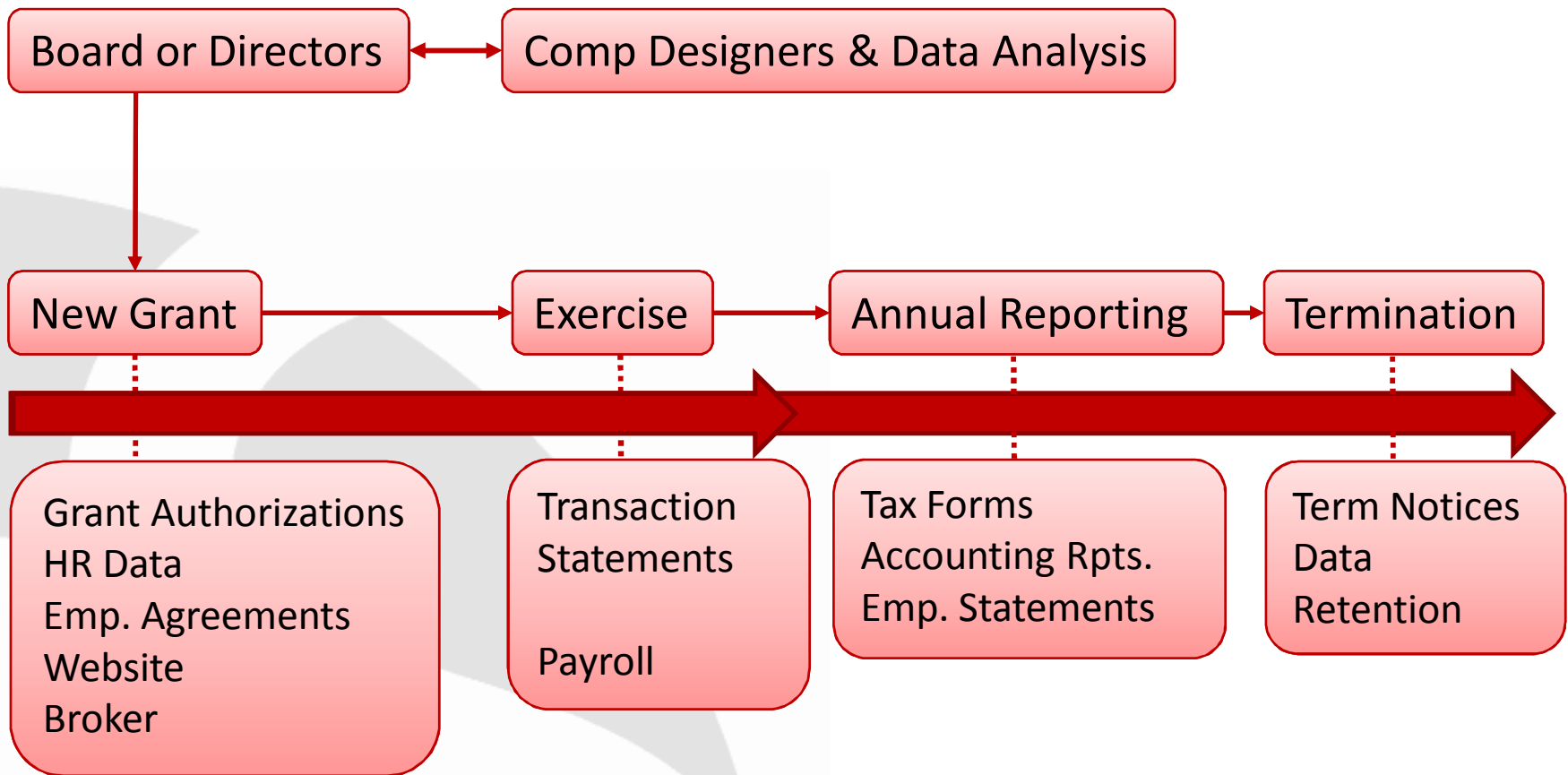
The Patchwork of Laws (cont'd)

- State laws
 - Most stringent: Massachusetts
 - 47 states and the District of Columbia
 - 9 states added laws within last three years:
Alaska, District of Columbia, Iowa, Missouri, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Iowa, Mississippi

State Data Security Breach Notification Laws

- Notice requirements *generally* include:
 - Data custodian to (i) data owner
 - Data owner to (ii) affected resident and (iii) possibly State Attorney General
 - Timing:
 - (i) “immediately following discovery of the breach”
 - (ii) “most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay”

PII and the Equity Data Life Cycle



Assessing Weaknesses in the Data Cycle

- **People**
 - Accident, negligence, fraud
- **Location**
 - Paper, laptop, servers, websites, system backups
- **Data in transit**
 - Email, hardware, between systems over Internet
- **Vendors**

Assessing Weaknesses in the Data Cycle (cont'd)

- Access: how, who and when
 - Hardware system
 - Files systems
 - Software system (website or database)
 - Email system
- **People, People, People**
- **Educate, Educate, Educate**

Assessing the Risks

- How to prioritize the level of risk?
 - What data is available?
 - Who could possibly get it?
 - What happens if data is accessed by the wrong people?
 - Is someone responsible for standard of care of protecting this data?

Risk Matrix

| Identified Risk | What is at risk? | Who could get it? | Where could it go? | Responsible Person Identified | Total |
|---|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Printer/Copier | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Internal Manual Email with HR Employee Export w/SSN | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 (sender) | 10 |
| Un-Encrypted Laptop | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 20 |
| Employee Internet Based Website | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 (IT Security) | 16 |
| Vendor Data Transmission | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 18 |

Rank 1 is low risk – 5 is high risk

Assessing the Risks (cont'd)

- What controls do you have in place?
 - Locked-down technology
 - Preventative policies
 - “Don’t do this” rules
 - Education
 - Detective procedures to identify issues
 - Controls in place
- Risk mitigation
 - Insurance and balance sheet

Action Plan to Strengthen Your Data Security

- How can technology help you?
 - Learn how system security can segregate data from users in all systems
 - Encryption, user access controls, audit trails
- How can standard processes help you?
 - Define “the way we do it here!”
 - Learn from other departments
 - SOX Controls
 - ISO/IEC 27000 series of standards

Action Plan to Strengthen Your Data Security (cont'd)

- Security Audits
 - 3rd party Audit
 - Insurance may require
 - Security Questionnaire (ISO/IEC 27002)
- Vendor review and questionnaire
 - SSAE 16 (replaced SAS 70)
 - Security questionnaire (ISO/IEC 27002)

Assessing Your Vendor

- What questions to ask?
 - Info Sec dept can provide questions based on ISO 27002 or other standard
 - Help with review of SSAE 16
- What should you expect?
 - Openness and cooperation
- Why would they not share in more detail?
 - Part of security is not knowing.....

Assessing Your Vendor (cont'd)

- Legal review of vendor
 - Contract representations and warranties
 - Limitations of indemnity and damages
- What is acceptable risk with vendors?
 - Do you have other solutions available?
 - What is the plan for the vendor to perform risk mitigation?
 - What happens if you identify unacceptable risk?
- Use this process to become educated on Security issues

Who is Responsible for Data Protection?

- Management: is this culturally important?
- Every employee
- Steps to increase priority of the issue
 - Matrix – proof is issue
 - Do you have corporate allies and champions?
 - Can you make corporate allies?
- What teams/people need to be at the table?
 - Are they motivated to move this forward?

Recommendations

- What can you influence?
 - Be honest
 - You can do more than you think!
 - You can limit who sees the data
- Education
 - What, Who, Risk, Responsibility, Action Plan
 - Employee agreements
 - Ongoing education plan, not just one time
 - If they don't know the importance, you're bound to fail

Recommendations (cont'd)

- Plan for worst case scenario (hope for the best)
 - Create procedures
 - Response plans
 - Practice - fire drills
- There is no perfect answer
 - When assessing solutions, give yourself choices of ways to reduce the risk
 - Don't have only one way to resolve a risk when choosing
- Look for Opportunity; Don't be driven solely by risk

The Inevitable Data Breach: 10 Tips

1. Use software and hardware firewalls **on all computers**
2. **Encrypt mobile and storage devices; encrypt data**
3. Don't use peer-to-peer file sharing software
4. **Don't use chat or IM software**
5. Install/update anti-malware software
6. Upgrade operating system
7. **Use up-to-date web browsers**
8. **Use/change strong passwords and store carefully**
9. **Beware of emails (unknown senders, phishing)**
10. **Educate and train employees**

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