

#### A LOOK AT SMALL BUSINESS SECURITY Threats, Concerns, Actions & Solutions

# THREATS

#### Small businesses are increasingly hot targets for cyber attacks.

of **cyber attacks** in 2012 were aimed at small businesses,\* compared to **18%** the year prior. \*with 250 employees or fewer



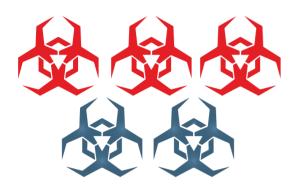
of SMBs experienced a **data breach** in 2012.

### Small businesses store a lot of sensitive data that isn't always protected.

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The top 3 security concerns for small businesses? Undetected malware, phishing attacks and targeted cyber attacks.



**Undetected malware** concerns nearly **3 in 5** small businesses.



**Phishing attacks** concern **1 in 3** small businesses.

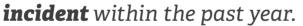


**Targeted cyber attacks** concern **1 in 4** small businesses.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) security is not a top concern for small businesses, but should be.

**Only 7% are concerned with BYOD** even though nearly **8 in 10** businesses have **experienced a mobile security** 







## ACTIONS

### Many small businesses are not taking enough action to protect against security risks.

ONLY 15% are running employee education programs.



ONLY 15% are increasing budget for security.



**31%** are **not taking any active measures** to protect against security threats.

The top 2 reasons why small business are not focusing on cyber security? Comfort and budget.



say they **are comfortable** with their current security measures.



say they don't have the **budget.** 

## SOLUTIONS



If breached, communicate through clearly authorized channels. Regularly check your business' credit report.

Use reputable third party vendors.

Shred sensitive documents and wipe old storage devices.

Create a response plan in case of a breach.

Create a formal BYOD policy.

If breached, be transparent and provide details.

## Encrypt all valuable data.

Run virus and malware checks on devices.

Require that employees use VPN services. Explore new security technologies.



*Keep all device software up-to-date.* 

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