



Security is Everyone's Business

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PANDORA'S BOX



That moment when you ask,
“What’s the worst that could
happen?”



**If you discovered burglaries were occurring
in your neighborhood,
what would you do to protect your home?**



If you discovered cybercriminals were stealing data from other organizations, what would you do to protect your organization?

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1. The Threat Landscape
2. Phishing benchmark data by industry
3. Your Security Culture & “Human Firewall”

2024 Data Breach Investigations Report



According to Verizon's 2024 Data Breach Investigations Report, human error was often a contributing factor to data breaches, playing a role in 68% of cases occurring through accidental actions, the use of stolen credentials, social engineering and even through malicious privilege misuse.

However, the report authors excluded privilege misuse from the calculation of the human element to better assess the impact of security awareness programs. Notably, the findings indicate that the human element continues to play a significant role, indicating that mitigating human-based risk should be a key priority for organizations.

The Threat Landscape is

A composite image featuring a woman in a red dress, a city skyline at night, and a landscape with a road and mountains.



Lazy...

Distracted...



Lacking the knowledge.



How The Bad Guys Attack



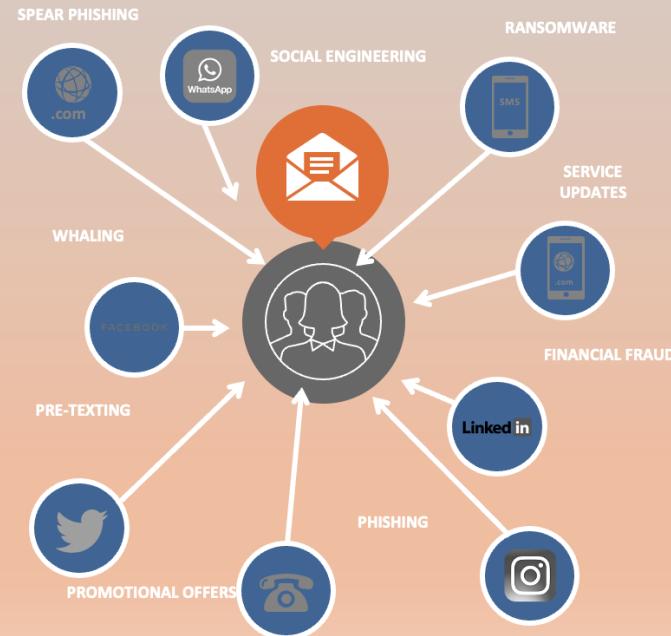
A cybercriminal does a 'deep search' for email addresses of your organization on the Internet

They find all publicly available email addresses of your employees

They use these to launch a phishing attack on as many employees as possible

It works and it's easy

Social Engineering is Popular Because it Works!



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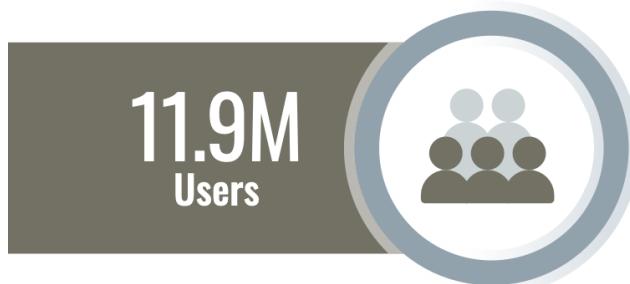
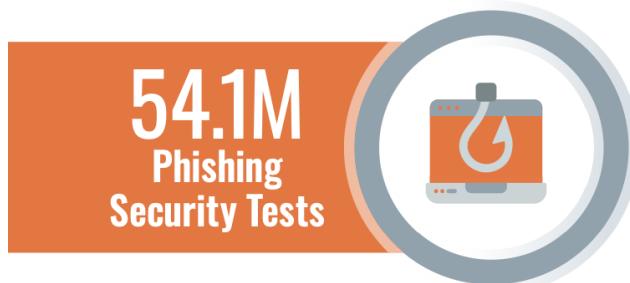
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PHISHING BY INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING REPORT

2024 EDITION



METHODOLOGY AND DATA SET



- Banking
- Business Services
- Construction
- Consulting
- Consumer Services
- Education
- Energy & Utilities

- Financial Services
- Government
- Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
- Hospitality
- Insurance
- Legal
- Manufacturing

- Not For Profit
- Other
- Retail & Wholesale
- Technology
- Transportation

19 INDUSTRIES

ORGANIZATION SIZE RANGES



RISKY BUSINESS

Who's at Risk?

The top three riskiest industries by organization size

SMALL 1-249	MEDIUM 250-999	LARGE 1,000+
 34.7% Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	 39.7% Hospitality	 51.4% Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
 32.4% Education	 38.8% Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	 48.8% Insurance
 31.2% Hospitality	 36.2% Consulting	 47.8% Consulting

PHASE ONE BASELINE

Phase One

34.3%

Initial Baseline
Phishing Security
Test Results

Organization Size	Initial PPP		
Industry	1-249 Employees	250-999 Employees	1000+ Employees
Banking	27.8%	33.3%	42.3%
Business Services	26.7%	31.6%	33.2%
Construction	28.8%	35.0%	32%
Consulting	28.4%	36.2%	47%
Consumer Services	28.8%	31.2%	31.6%
Education	32.4%	31.2%	31.7%
Energy & Utilities	29.3%	33.3%	47.8%
Financial Services	28.1%	31%	41.6%
Government	27.9%	27.8%	28.6%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	34.7%	38.8%	51.4%
Hospitality	31.2%	39.7%	31.8%
Insurance	28.6%	34.1%	48.8%
Legal	26.5%	29.2%	35.2%
Manufacturing	27.9%	31.6%	35.9%
Not-For-Profit	30.3%	33.9%	36.7%
Other	26.3%	28.9%	29.7%
Retail & Wholesale	30.7%	32%	42.4%
Technology	26.1%	30.3%	32.9%
Transportation	27%	28.6%	35.1%

PHASE TWO

90 DAY

Phase Two
18.9%

Phishing Security
Test Results Within
90 Days of Training

Organization Size	90-Day PPP		
Industry	1-249 Employees	250-999 Employees	1000+ Employees
Banking	13.9%	16.6%	13.8%
Business Services	20.8%	21.9%	21.3%
Construction	20.8%	21.5%	19.6%
Consulting	20%	21.8%	21.9%
Consumer Services	20.5%	20.9%	19.3%
Education	19%	19.4%	18%
Energy & Utilities	18.7%	19.5%	16.7%
Financial Services	17.4%	17.9%	18%
Government	17.7%	17.1%	15.6%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	21.9%	20.8%	17.7%
Hospitality	21.9%	23.7%	15%
Insurance	20%	19.3%	15.7%
Legal	18.6%	16.7%	18%
Manufacturing	19.6%	19.8%	17.4%
Not-For-Profit	23.1%	23%	21.8%
Other	20.6%	21.5%	18.8%
Retail & Wholesale	20.6%	21.1%	18.3%
Technology	21.1%	20.8%	18.5%
Transportation	21.1%	20.4%	20.5%

PHASE THREE

12
MONTHS+

Phase Three

4.6%

Phishing Security Test
Results After One Year-Plus
of Ongoing Training

Organization Size	12-Month PPP		
	1-249 Employees	250-999 Employees	1000+ Employees
1-249	4.3%		
250-999	4.6%		
1000+	4.9%		
Industry	1-249 Employees	250-999 Employees	1000+ Employees
Banking	2.5%	3.3%	5.2%
Business Services	5.3%	4.7%	5.3%
Construction	4%	4.8%	4.6%
Consulting	4%	4.6%	4.4%
Consumer Services	5%	5%	4.8%
Education	3.9%	5.2%	4.9%
Energy & Utilities	3.7%	4.2%	4%
Financial Services	3.5%	4.6%	4.7%
Government	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	5.4%	4.3%	5.5%
Hospitality	4.2%	4.4%	3.4%
Insurance	3.8%	5.2%	7.7%
Legal	5.6%	6.4%	3.7%
Manufacturing	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%
Not-For-Profit	5.6%	5.5%	4.2%
Other	4.3%	4.9%	4.3%
Retail & Wholesale	4.7%	4.5%	5.2%
Technology	4.1%	4.6%	5.3%
Transportation	4.5%	5.4%	6.7%

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**A security culture lives and breathes
within every organization.**

The question is how **strong, intentional
and **sustainable** is your security culture.
And what do you need to do about it?**

What if you educate?



What if
everyone
knew what
to do?



Instinctively...



Defining “Culture”

Organizational culture is not the sum of roles, processes and measurements; it is the sum of subconscious human behaviors that people repeat based on prior successes and collectively held beliefs.

Similarly:

Security culture is not (just) related to "awareness" and "training"; it is the sum of subconscious human behaviors that people repeat based on prior experiences and collectively held beliefs.

Security Culture:
The ideas, customs and social behaviors
of an organization that influence its
security.

Behavior

What I know

What I learn helps me to understand security. How I apply that knowledge affects security.
I need to know why it matters for me to improve my behavior.

What I see

Do I see colleagues making an effort to be secure, or are my colleagues ignoring security measures because they "get in the way of business"?
How I behave is influenced by what I see around me.

What I hear

What I hear and what I see are not always the same thing.
Sometimes people do what they are told to by policy, and sometimes they make their own rules. Culture is shaped by our adherence.

What I say

How security and risk are being communicated in the workplace is a driver for secure behavior. Are we talking about security? Is what I say positive or negative?

What I feel

Emotions are a strong influence on our security behavior. If employees feel like security is a nuisance, they are less likely to behave securely. Likewise, if they feel security is important, they are more likely to behave in a secure manner.

Responsibilities

Cognition

Norms

Compliance

Communication

Attitudes

Security Awareness and Secure Behavior are NOT the Same Thing



**Just because
I'm *aware*
doesn't mean
that I *care*.**

Your awareness program should not focus only on information delivery

Ask yourself:

*Do you care more about what your people
know or what they **do**?*



You can't effectively train on everything...

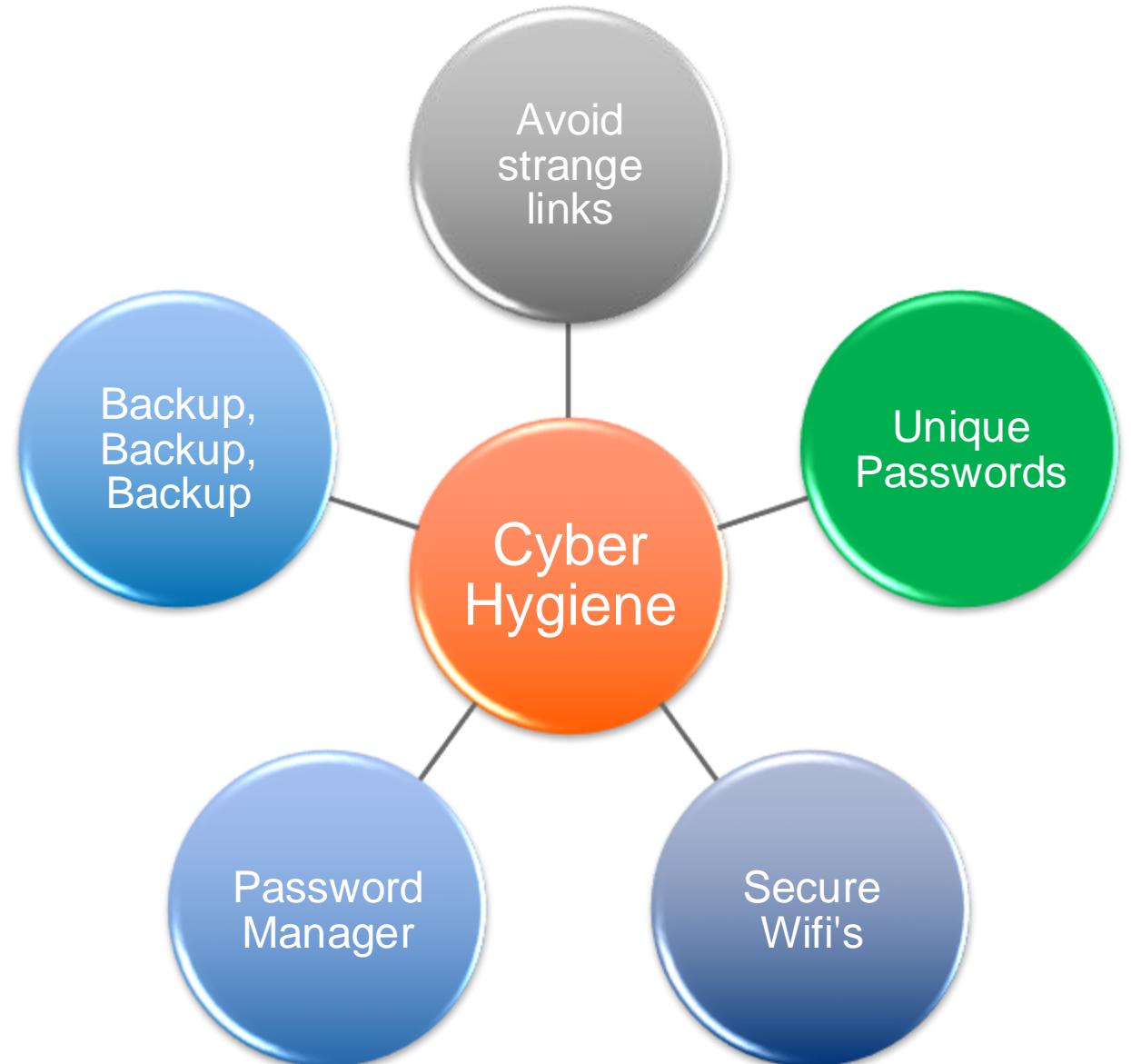
If your goal is behavior change,
focus on 2 to 3 behaviors at a time

Know Your Place and Scope of Influence!



Culture is led from the **very** top of the organization; it doesn't originate from you or your group.

Personal Cyber Hygiene



5 Principles of Being a Human Firewall

01

Never make assumptions:
Don't draw your own conclusions.

02

Stay alert:
Keep your guard up.

03

Think critically: Slow down, verify, and think before you click.

04

See something? Say something: Immediately report incidents.

05

Follow policy, no matter what: Circumventing policy jeopardizes the company.

Final Thoughts

- Humans are the de-facto top choice for cybercriminals seeking to gain access into an organization.

Thank You

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