



**PROJECT  
CYBERSAFE<sup>™</sup>**

# Security is Everyone's Business

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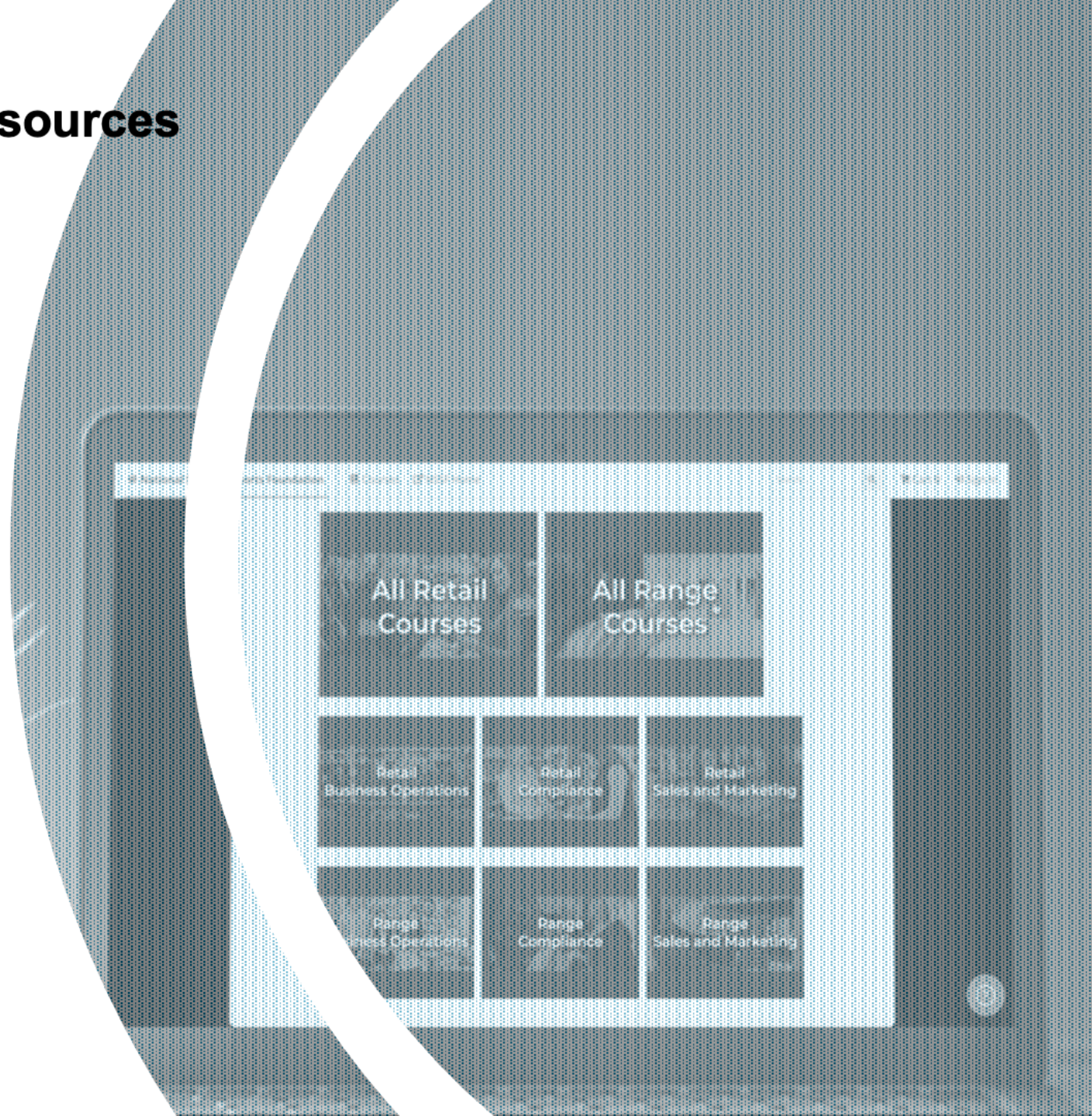
# Additional NSSF Compliance Resources



Industry Compliance courses:

- “Zero Tolerance” Policy
- Winning at ATF Inspections
- Completing the Form 4473
- Multiple Sales Report
- and more

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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?**

# Agenda

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.





A hand in a dark suit jacket points towards a city skyline at night. The background is a collage of digital and urban elements. Overlaid on the scene are various icons: a laptop, a cloud, a Wi-Fi symbol, a lightbulb, a smartphone, and several geometric shapes like triangles and squares. The overall tone is dark and futuristic, representing a 'threat landscape' in a digital context.

**The Threat Landscape is**

**All of Us**

**All the Time**

**Everywhere**

**In All Contexts of Life**





**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

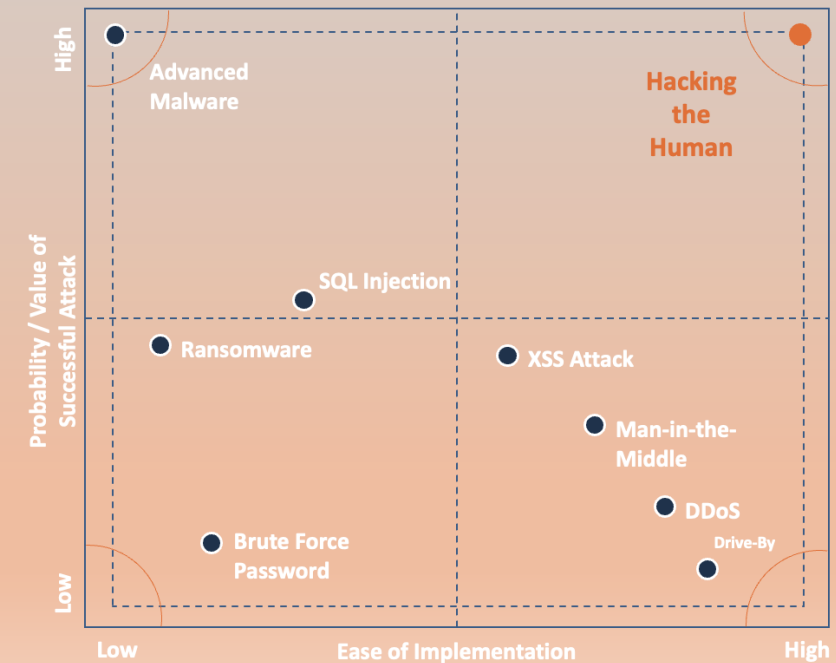
They find all publicly available email addresses of your employees

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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**The  
question  
every  
executive  
asks...**

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# **PHISHING BY INDUSTRY BENCHMARKING REPORT**

2024 EDITION

# METHODOLOGY AND DATA SET

54.1M  
Phishing  
Security Tests



11.9M  
Users



57K  
Organizations



## 19 INDUSTRIES

- |                    |                              |                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Banking            | Financial Services           | Not For Profit     |
| Business Services  | Government                   | Other              |
| Construction       | Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals | Retail & Wholesale |
| Consulting         | Hospitality                  | Technology         |
| Consumer Services  | Insurance                    | Transportation     |
| Education          | Legal                        |                    |
| Energy & Utilities | Manufacturing                |                    |

## 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+
 <b>34.7%</b> Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	 <b>39.7%</b> Hospitality	 <b>51.4%</b> Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
 <b>32.4%</b> Education	 <b>38.8%</b> Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals	 <b>48.8%</b> Insurance
 <b>31.2%</b> Hospitality	 <b>36.2%</b> Consulting	 <b>47.8%</b> Consulting

# PHASE ONE BASELINE

## Phase One

# 34.3%

Initial Baseline  
Phishing Security  
Test Results

### Organization Size

1-249  
250-999  
1000+

### Initial PPP

28.7%  
31.9%  
37.5%

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

1-249  
250-999  
1000+

### 90-Day PPP

19.9%  
20.1%  
18%

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		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%
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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 behaviour. 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**?*

A background image showing a person's hands using a laptop and a mouse. The image is dimmed and has an orange overlay. The text is centered over the image.

You can't effectively train on everything...

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

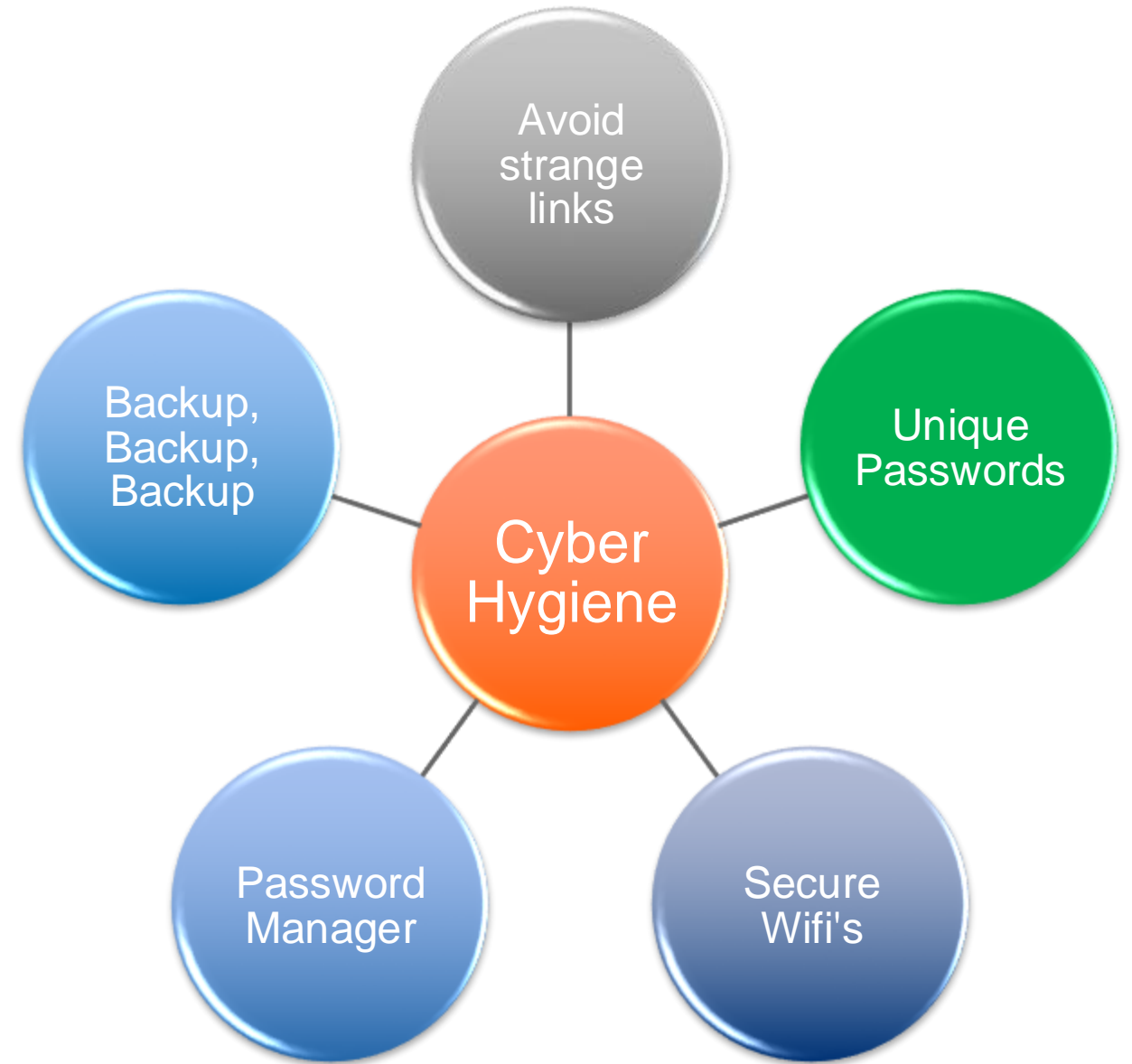


# Know Your Place and Scope of Influence!



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.

The background is a dark blue-to-orange gradient. It features a world map in the upper right, binary code (0s and 1s) scattered across the center, a bar chart in the upper left, and a banner with a warning triangle and the text 'RISK ALERT' in the lower right. There are also several circular icons at the bottom right, including one with a music note and another with a document. A large, faint gear-like shape is visible on the left side.

# Thank You

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Human error. Conquered.