



Mitigating Reputational Risk & Restoring Customer Trust:

Optimizing the Role of PR In Data Breach Response

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It's rough out there...





22 MillionPII
2012 - 2014

Security clearance information part of the breach



110 Million

Credit cards 2013

\$162 Million
estimated cost of the breach



3 Billion

User accounts 2013-2014

\$350 Million

est. decrease in sale price to Verizon



145 Million

User accounts 2014

Days: 229

hackers had access to internal data



83 Million

Contact Information 2014

\$250 Million

spent on security annually



143 Million

PII 2017

2+ months

est. time to discover the breach



And the incident is just the beginning...

REMEDIATION



FINES



FINANCIAL LOSS



BUSINESS DISRUPTION



LEGAL COSTS



NOTIFICATION COSTS



CUSTOMER CHURN



BRAND REPUTATION



ONGOING MONITORING



... but a strong communications plan can help here:

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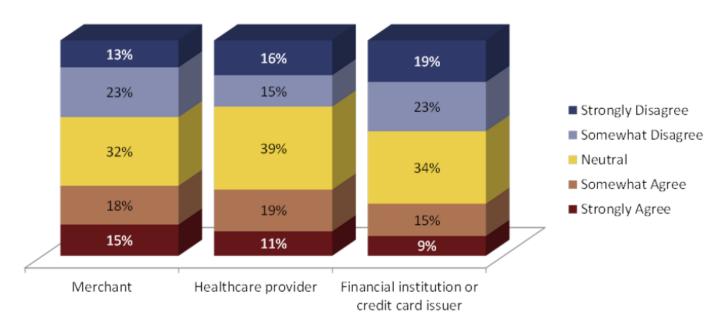


NOTIFICATION COSTS



Data Breaches Can Cause Customer Churn

Figure 1: Avoidance of Further Business, by Type of Organization in Which Data Breach Occurred



Q2D. Please indicate the type of organization where the data breach occurred. Q2K. Please read each of the following statements carefully and indicate your level of agreement ("I avoid doing further business with the organization(s)" shown).

October 2013, n = varies: 111 – 897
Base: All consumers whose PII was breached at an FI or CC issuer,
All consumers whose PII was breached at a merchant,
All consumers whose PII was breached at a healthcare provider
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Crisis communications is part of a defensible security strategy



Pre-breach Communications Planning

- Find an experienced outside public relations team, get to know them ahead of an incident, and introduce them to your in-house response team.
- Develop a crisis communications playbook that covers (at minimum):
 - The crisis communications team and contact information for all members (in-house and external)
 - Internal and external audiences
 - Media policies to be distributed firm-wide before an incident and on a regular basis.
 - Contact information of key journalists
- Run a tabletop exercise with all crisis communications team members
- Keep your plan, and the people involved, fresh

Responding to a Breach: The Role of PR

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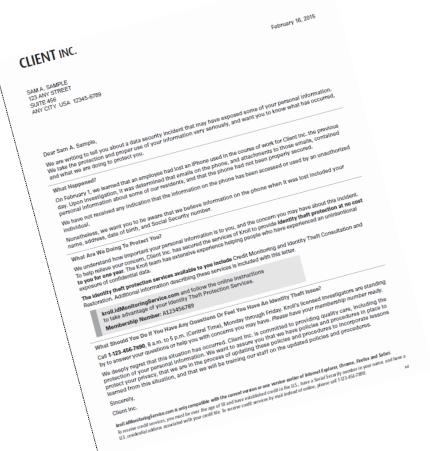
- Understand the media landscape that is specific to them and their industry
- The media cycle of a data breach
- How to communicate to critical audiences throughout a breach
- When and how to leverage social media
- Managing the expectations of "interested" vs. "affected" parties
- Maintain consistency of messaging when communicating across various platforms
- When to be proactive, reactive or quiet

Responding to a Breach: The Role of PR – cont'd

A good PR firm will help an organization:

- Anticipate the next phase of the news cycle, and advise on how to plan and react
- Determine "best case" and "worst case" scenarios provide counsel on how to proactively address internal questions
- Control the pace with which media is responded to
- Liaise between legal team and client to ensure all communications internal and external – are meeting the needs and goals of all parties

Customized, Compliant Communications



- When/Where did the theft/breach occur?
- What happened? What was lost or stolen?
- What is [CLIENT] doing about this? [SAMPLE: Client immediately notified local law enforcement and is cooperating with them as they continue their investigation.]
- What is [CLIENT] doing to prevent this from happening in the future?

[SAMPLE: [CLIENT] has examined and analyzed existing procedures and systems to ensure appropriate security measures are (reinforced/in place).]

Why wasn't I notified sooner?

[SAMPLE: [CLIENT] immediately notified local law enforcement officials and launched an investigation into the incident. The investigation included a review of internal security systems to confirm that procedures already in place are strengthened to further safeguard against a breach of data security in the future. Last, it was imperative that impacted individuals were identified and their contact information gathered into a consistent format for notification. This investigation was a time-consuming process, but Client believed it was necessary to ensure appropriate precautions and next steps were taken.]

How it Works – Breach Notification

- Distill the data for optimized mail delivery
 - Standardize addresses, report and remedy exceptions
 - Sort and group special populations
 - Compare against NCOA database
 - Dedicate a toll-free telephone number; include in notice
- Draft notification letter(s) congruent with state law(s) and audience(s)
 - Include clear guidelines about how to use any services offered to help mitigate identity theft fears and threats
- Monitor and report on returned mail

Consider: Proof that Stands Up Later Case Studies

- Case #1: Rapid, Large-scale Response
 - Onsite implementation, ready to be on ground in 48 hours,
 - Multiple letter versions
 - Banner on Kroll.com homepage to steer people to public notice page

- Case #2: Supporting clients in litigation following an event
 - Supplied post-event reporting, documentation, and recorded calls
 - Provided onsite deposition and case preparation data to help demonstrate the expertise of the services provided to notification subjects





Q&A

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