



## CYBERSECURITY

### [OFAC Issues Advisory on Sanctions for Facilitating Ransomware Payments](#)

On October 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued an advisory "to highlight the sanctions risks associated with ransomware payments related to malicious cyber-enabled activities." [Read more](#)

### [Tyler Technologies Victim of Cyber-Attack](#)

As one of the largest information technology service providers to local governments, the cyber-attack on Tyler Technologies (Tyler) in Plano, Texas is a sobering reminder of how a cyber-attack on a third-party vendor can put government data at risk. [Read more](#)

## HIPAA

### [HIPAA Business Associate Pays \\$2.3 Million Settlement After Hackers Target PHI of Over 6 Million Individuals](#)

Health care providers and contractors continue to be a popular target for hackers. Recently, CHSPSC LLC (CHSPSC), which provides various services to hospitals and clinics indirectly owned by Community Health Systems, Inc. of Tennessee, agreed to pay \$2,300,000 to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in settlement of potential violations of HIPAA's Privacy and Security Rules. The OCR investigation and settlement stemmed from a data breach affecting over six million people. [Read more](#)

### [Athens Orthopedic Settles with OCR for \\$1.5M for Data Breach](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has announced that it has settled potential violations of HIPAA with Athens Orthopedic Clinic PA (Athens) for \$1.5 million, following an investigation of a data breach that occurred in 2016. [Read more](#)

## DATA PRIVACY

### [Mid-Year Report on CCPA Trends](#)

DataGrail recently released a mid-year report on trends related to the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and how it has affected consumers and businesses. The report indicates that consumers are regularly opting out of the sale of their personal information, with the "do

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not sell” right being the most exercised right, occurring 48 percent of the time, more than access rights (at 21 percent) and deletion requests (at 31 percent). Overall, according to this report, about 83 percent of consumers expect to have control over how businesses use their data, and this research confirms that people are taking action to control their privacy by exercising rights provided by the CCPA. [Read more](#)

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### [CCPA Amendment Exempts Deidentified Medical Information](#)

The California legislature recently passed AB 713, which is an [amendment](#) to the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA). This bill will take effect immediately on September 30, 2020, once Governor Gavin Newsom signs the legislation. The effect of AB 713 is that it adds Section 1798.146 to the CCPA, and states that the CCPA shall not apply to medical information that is governed by the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) or to protected health information that is collected by a covered entity or business associate governed by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). [Read more](#)

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### [California Bill Extends CCPA Exemptions for Personal Information Collected by Employers and Businesses](#)

The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA) currently exempts from its provisions certain information collected by a business about a natural person in the course of the person acting as a job applicant, employee, owner, director, officer, medical staff member, or contractor of a business. This exemption is set to expire on December 31, 2020. In addition, the so-called business-to-business exemption for transactions and communications with the business that occur solely within the context of the business conducting due diligence regarding or providing or receiving a product or service to or from that company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit, or government agency is also set to expire on December 31, 2020. [Read more](#)

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## **NEW + NOW**

### [The Importance of Focusing on Data Recovery and Business Continuity](#)

In the wake of the increase in ransomware attacks, including data exfiltration prior to or during a ransomware attack, I think it is worth the time and resources to focus on data recovery and business continuity. I am finding that during and following a ransomware attack, victims do not have adequate actionable business continuity, disaster recovery, or data recovery plans in place. [Read more](#)

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## **DRONES**

### [Singapore Company Introduces Drones to Urban Building Inspection](#)

Singapore analytics and acoustic solutions company H3 Zoom.AI's founder, Shaun Koo, began using drones for building inspection and facilities management after realizing that the city's highly urban landscape was "overdue for digital technology disruption." For example, traditional building facade inspection involves workers tethered to ropes or on gondola lifts, scaling high and/or remote areas to inspect or take

photographs. This manual process is risky and allows room for human error. [Read more](#)

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**[Guidance on Using Drones for Real Estate and Construction in Dense Cities: Getting Close – But Not Too Close \(Part I\)](#)**

The commercial use of drones, or small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS), for urban real estate and construction may finally be gaining traction. This month, the New York City Council passed a bill requiring the Department of Buildings (DOB) to study the feasibility of using sUAS to inspect building facades. [Read more](#)

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**PRIVACY TIP #243**

**[Unemployment Fraud Claims Are Skyrocketing—What to Do if You Are a Victim?](#)**

This week's privacy tip discusses what to do if you are the victim of a fraudulent unemployment claim. [Read more](#)



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