



CYBERSECURITY

[New Ransomware Campaign Socks Victims with One-Two Punch](#)

Cybercriminals have launched a new campaign that not only requires the victim to pay a ransom to have their data decrypted, but when the victim is directed to a PayPal account to pay the ransom and get the decryption key to unlock the data, the PayPal account page is fake. When the victim lands on the fake page, the criminals can steal their account login credentials. On top of that, when the victim enters the credit card information on the fake account page to pay the ransom, the cybercriminals steal the credit card information as well. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[CCPA – What is it and What Does Your Business Need to Know?](#)

The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 (CCPA) is here and it's best to start learning what this law is, to whom it applies, and what you and your business can do to be prepared, now. This article is a follow up to our earlier [post](#) on the CCPA. [Read more](#)

[California AG's Office Begins CCPA Rulemaking Process with Series of Public Forums](#)

On January 8, 2019, the California Department of Justice hosted the first in a series of six public forums on the California Consumer Protection Act (CCPA). The forums offer the public an opportunity for comment in advance of the drafting of regulations by the state Attorney General's office. These regulations are seen as being particularly significant given the rushed legislative process resulting in a perceived lack of clarity in several key provisions of the CCPA. [Read more](#)

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ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[Physician Convicted of HIPAA Violation Receives Probation](#)

According to reports, a Georgia-based physician who previously pleaded guilty to criminal violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) received six months of probation from a Massachusetts federal judge earlier this week. The physician – a pediatric cardiologist – pleaded guilty in February 2018, to a misdemeanor count of wrongful disclosure of individually identifiable health information in violation of HIPAA, and faced up to one year of imprisonment. [Read more](#)

[Judge Rules Biometric Identifiers Can't Be Used to Unlock Phone](#)

A federal magistrate judge in California has ruled that law enforcement personnel may not require suspects to unlock their phones with biometric identifiers such as a fingerprint, iris scan or facial recognition, saying the practice is unconstitutional. The decision followed the request for a search warrant in an extortion case. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Do You Have a WISP?](#)

Although the Massachusetts Data Security Regulations went into effect March 1, 2010, I still find that many companies have not implemented a Written Information Security Program (WISP) and don't know that they are required to do so. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Standard CGL Aircraft Exclusion Barred Liability Coverage](#)

A California federal judge held that a standard comprehensive general liability (CGL) aircraft exclusion barred liability coverage for injuries suffered as a result of drone operations. The injuries occurred when a wedding photographer used a drone to capture images at a wedding reception and the drone hit a guest who sustained serious injuries, including the loss of sight in one eye. The court determined that the insurance company could recover the costs incurred by the company in defending the wedding photographer because an "aircraft" (as defined by Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary) was

excluded from the CGL, and therefore, the company was not obligated to defend the photographer against the suit filed by the injured guest. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #173

[Cell Phone Geolocation Data Being Sold](#)

This week's privacy tip introduces a recent article that discusses how telecoms are selling your geolocation data, and how it can be used to track you. [Read more](#)

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