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CYBERSECURITY

[State of Colorado Proposes Financial Services Cybersecurity Requirements](#)

Following in the footsteps of the State of New York, the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies has proposed amendments to the Colorado Securities Act that will require investment advisers and broker-dealers to implement new cybersecurity requirements to ensure security of the information in their possession. As we have predicted before, this is probably just the beginning of other states following suit. [Read more](#)

DATA BREACH

[GameStop Investigating Data Breach of Credit Card Information](#)

This week, GameStop confirmed it is investigating the possible compromise of credit card information from September 2016 through February 2017. The information that may have been compromised includes customers' names, card numbers, expiration dates, and the three digit security code on the back of the credit card. Just the whole treasure trove. There are also reports that the compromised information is being offered for sale on the dark web. [Read more](#)

[IRS to Notify 100,000 Taxpayers that their Information May have Been Obtained through Misuse of FAFSA Data Retrieval Tool](#)

On Thursday, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner John Koskinen testified that the personal data of up to 100,000 taxpayers could have been compromised as a result of criminal use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) [see related [post](#)]. The number of taxpayers who may have been affected still remains unknown, but the agency believes that fewer than 8,000 fraudulent returns were filed and processed. Another 14,000 fraudulent returns were spotted by investigators before refunds were issued, and another 52,000 filings were halted altogether. To be safe, the IRS announced it plans to notify all 100,000 potentially affected

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HIPAA

[ABCD Pediatrics Victim of Ransomware](#)

ABCD Pediatrics, located in San Antonio, Texas has notified the Office for Civil Rights that a ransomware cyber intrusion has resulted in access to its servers, including the protected health information (PHI) of its patients. The ransomware used by the attackers was Dharma. The practice found through forensic analysis that access had been gained to the systems prior to deployment of the encryption ransomware. [Read more](#)

[OCR Urges Covered Entities and Business Associates to Use HTTPS](#)

New guidance from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) urges covered entities and business associates to use Secure Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTPS) to protect communications from vulnerabilities. According to OCR, the vulnerability can be introduced by the use of products that inspect HTTPS traffic. These products are used to detect malware or unsafe connections, which could allow an interception of the communication. These are called man-in-the-middle attacks. [Read more](#)

[Erie County Medical Center IT Systems Shut Down by Virus](#)

Buffalo, New York, Erie County Medical Center has announced that its IT system has been shut down since Sunday, April 11, 2017, due to an unnamed virus. The shut-down has affected the medical facility's email system, electronic health record, and website. Because the electronic health system is not accessible, staff is using paper records for treating patients. [Read more](#)

[Washington University School of Medicine Victim of Phishing Attack](#)

Another employee falls for a phishing attack. This time, it was an employee of the Washington University School of Medicine. The employee received a phishing email on December 2, 2016, fell for what looked like a real request, and responded to it, allowing access to employee email accounts, including the patient information of 80,000 patients. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[TrustE Pays \\$100,000 with NYS for Failing to Protect Children's Websites](#)

On April 6, 2017, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced that he has settled an investigation against TrustE for alleged violations of failing to adequately prevent illegal tracking technology on children's websites, including Hasbro.com and Roblox.com. TrustE has agreed to pay the State \$100,000 in the settlement and adopt measures to strengthen its privacy assessments. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[FAA to Release New UAS Airspace Maps](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plans to release a set of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) facility maps on April 27, 2017. These maps will help drone operators improve their Part 107 airspace authorization requests, and in turn, hopefully help the FAA process these requests more quickly. The maps will include specific areas and altitudes near airports where UAS can operate safely. These maps will be available on the FAA's website, www.faa.gov/UAS. Operators will be able to download the data in several different formats, use the site on their mobile devices, and customize the particular views that they want to see on the maps. [Read more](#)

[FAA Publishes Notice to Airmen Restricting UAS Flights Over 133 Military Facilities](#)

On April 7, 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a [Notice to Airmen](#) (Notice) that becomes effective on April 14, 2017. The Notice prohibits the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) over 133 military facilities to an altitude of 400 feet. The FAA is relying on its authority and ability to address national security concerns under 14 CFR 99.7. However, the FAA has carved out certain exceptions where UAS may fly over certain military installations. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #82

[Downloading Free Entertainment is an Easy Way to Infect Your Computer with Malware](#)

Remember when TV was free? Okay, most of you don't, and I was

just a tot, but back in the day, it was free. We didn't have dozens of channels or choices, but everyone could watch the major networks and PBS without a cost. These days, there are charges for everything—including downloading music, videos, and movies. Tonight, I was glad my household pays for a certain network that features New England sports—including the Bruins—so I could watch the Bruins win their first playoff game!

So why am I reminiscing about free TV from the past? Because nowadays, we pay for our digital entertainment. Nothing is free. So the offer to download a movie, sports events, games, or music is just what you think it is—suspicious. Often, it is a ruse to get you to download malware. And then the infector has access to all of the information on your computer.

So if you get an offer to go to a website or download an app that will allow you to download free entertainment, steer away from the website or app and refuse the download, because it is probably a scam. And don't ever give them your credit card number.

Remember that you get what you pay for, and nothing in life is free, including entertainment. And also remember that downloading entertainment without paying for it may get you in trouble for piracy.

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