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The Legal Case for Cybersecurity

Why Companies Need a Cyber Risk Management Program and How to Develop and Mature Them



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Cybersecurity is no longer just an IT issue—
it is an overall business risk issue.





Security and IT protect companies' data;
Legal protects companies *from* their data.

Laws and regulations

- Types
 - Security
 - Privacy
 - Unauthorized Access
- International Laws
 - Privacy Shield
 - GDPR
- Federal Laws & Regs.
 - HIPAA, GLBA, FERPA
 - FTC, SEC, FCC, HHS
- State Laws
 - 48 states (AL & SD)
 - NYDFS & Colorado FinServ
- Industry Groups
 - PCI, FINRA
- Contracts
 - 3rd Party Bus. Assoc.
 - Data Security Addendum



Usually the real-world threats are not so sophisticated

Easily Avoidable Breaches

90% in 2014

91% in 2015

91% in 2016 (90% from email)



2016 Data Breach Investigations Report

89% of breaches had a financial or espionage motive.



- 63% confirmed breaches from weak, default, or stolen passwords
- Data is lost over 100x more than stolen
- Phishing used most to install malware



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GOOD CYBER HYGIENE

- ☐ Start with a risk assessment
- ☐ Written policies and procedures focused on cybersecurity and tailored to company
 - o Expectations for protection of data
 - o Monitoring and expectations of privacy
 - o Confidentiality of data
 - o Limits of permissible access and use
 - o Social engineering
 - o Passwords policy & security questions
 - o BYOD
- ☐ Training of all workforce on your policies and procedures, first, then security training
- ☐ Phish all workforce (incl. upper management)
- ☐ Multi-factor authentication
- ☐ Signature based antivirus and malware detection
- ☐ Internal controls / access controls
- ☐ No default passwords
- ☐ No outdated or unsupported software
- ☐ Security patch updates management policy
- ☐ Backups: segmented offline, cloud, redundant
- ☐ Use reputable cloud services
- ☐ Encrypt sensitive data and air-gap hypersensitive data
- ☐ Adequate logging and retention
- ☐ Incident response plan
- ☐ Third-party security risk management program
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Good Cyber Hygiene Checklist

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"[T]he relevant inquiry here is a cost-benefit analysis, that considers a number of relevant factors, including the probability and expected size of reasonably unavoidable harms to consumers given a certain level of cybersecurity and the costs to consumers that would arise from investment in stronger cybersecurity." *FTC v. Wyndham*, (3rd Cir. Aug. 24, 2015)



Common Cybersecurity Best Practices

1. Risk assessment.
2. Policies and procedures focused on cybersecurity.
 - Social engineering, password, security questions
3. Training of all workforce on P&P, then security.
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Does your company have *reasonable* cybersecurity?

In re Target Data Security Breach Litigation, (Financial Institutions)
(Dec. 2, 2014)

F.T.C. v. Wyndham Worldwide Corp.,
799 F.3d 236 (3rd Cir. Aug. 24, 2015)



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Does your company have adequate internal network controls?

FTC v. LabMD, (July 2016 FTC Commission Order)



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Does your company have written policies and procedures focused on cybersecurity?

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Does your company manage third- party cyber risk?

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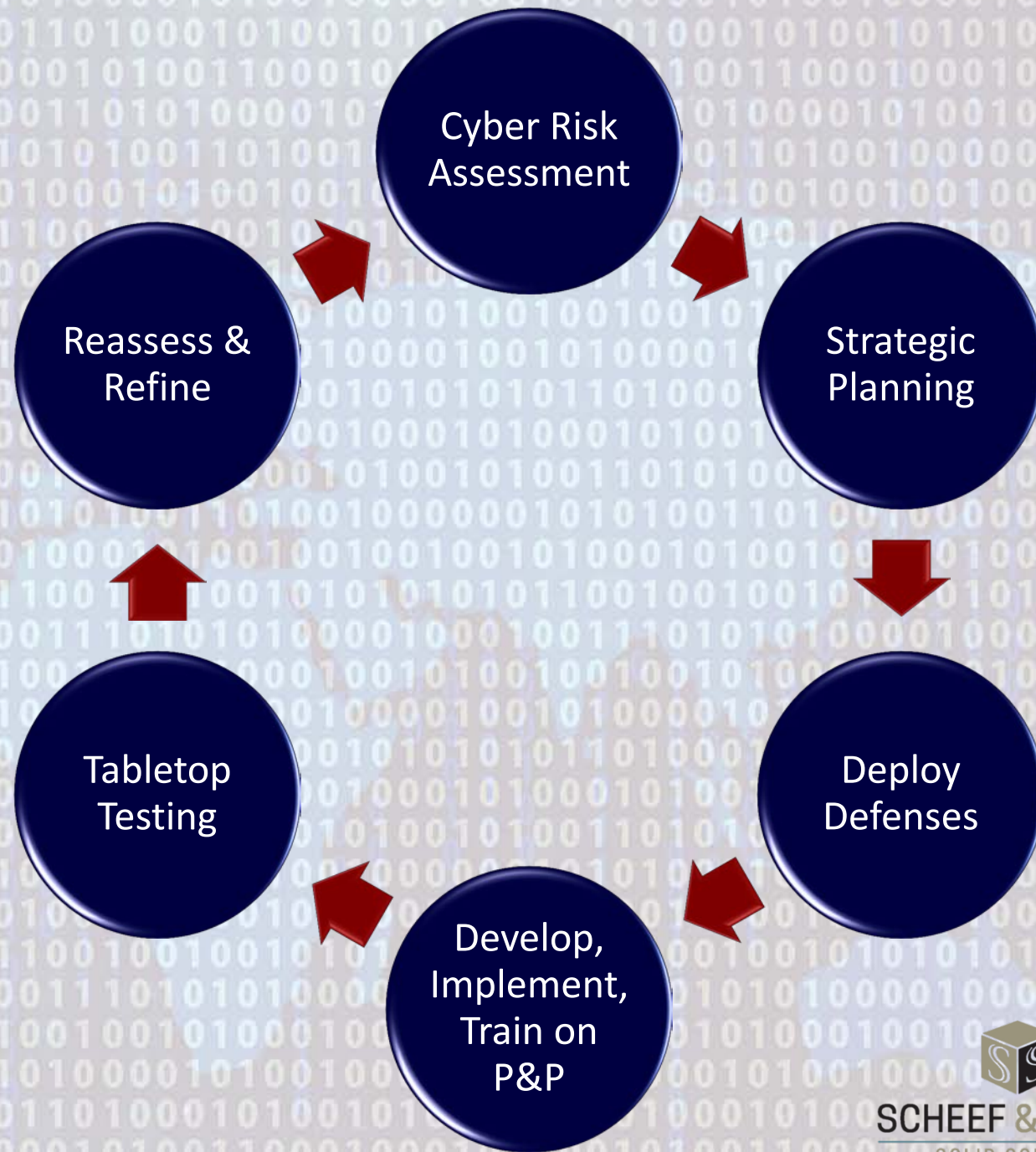
New York Department of Financial Services Cybersecurity (NYDFS) Requirements for Financial Services Companies + [fill in]

- All NY “financial institutions” + third party service providers.
- Third party service providers – examine, obligate, audit.
- Establish Cybersecurity Program (w/ specifics):
 - Logging, Data Classification, IDS, IPS;
 - Pen Testing, Vulnerability Assessments, Risk Assessment; and
 - Encryption, Access Controls.
- Adopt Cybersecurity Policies.
- Designate qualified CISO to be responsible.
- Adequate cybersecurity personnel and intelligence.
- Personnel Policies & Procedures, Training, Written IRP.
- Chairman or Senior Officer Certify Compliance.

EU – General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

- Goal: Protect all EU citizens from privacy and data breaches.
- When: May 25, 2018.
- Reach: Applies to all companies (controllers and processors):
 - Processing data of EU residents (regardless of where processing),
 - In the EU (regardless of where processing), or
 - Offering goods or services to EU citizens or monitoring behavior in EU.
- Penalties: up to 4% global turnover or €20 Million (whichever is greater).
- Remedies: data subjects have judicial remedies, right to damages.
- Data subject rights:
 - Breach notification – 72 hrs to DPA; “without undue delay” to data subjects.
 - Right to access – provide confirmation of processing and electronic copy (free).
 - Data erasure – right to be forgotten, erase, cease dissemination or processing.
 - Data portability – receive previously provided data in common elect. format.
 - Privacy by design – include data protection from the onset of designing systems.

Cyber Risk Management Program



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Data Breach Response Checklist

DATA BREACH INCIDENT RESPONSE

- Determine whether incident justifies escalation
- Begin documentation of decisions and actions
- Begin mitigation of compromise
- Engage experienced legal counsel to guide through process, determine privilege vs disclosure tracks
- Activate Incident Response Plan and notify and convene Incident Response Team
- Notify cyber insurance carrier
- Notify affected business partners per contractual obligations
- Engage forensics to mitigate continued harm, gather evidence, and investigate
- Assess scope and nature of data compromised
- Preliminarily determine legal obligations based on type of data and jurisdictions
- Determine whether to notify law enforcement
- Begin preparing public relations message
- Engage notification / credit services vendor
- Investigate whether data has been “breached”
- Determine when notification “clock” started
- Remediate and protect against future breaches
- Confirm notification / remediation obligations
- Determine proper remediation services
- Assemble contact information for notifications
- Prepare notification letters, frequently asked questions, and call centers
- Plan and time notification “drop”
- Implement public relations strategy
- Administrative reporting (AGs, HHS, FTC, SEC)
- Implement Cyber Risk Management Program

“Target has demonstrated . . . that the work of the Data Breach Task Force was focused not on remediation of the breach . . . but on informing Target’s in-house and outside counsel about the breach so that Target’s attorneys could provide the company with legal advice and prepare to defend the company in litigation that was already pending and was reasonably expected to follow.”
In re Target Corp. Customer Data Breach

“Firms must adopt written policies to protect their clients’ private information . . . they need to anticipate potential cybersecurity events and have clear procedures in place rather than waiting to react once a breach occurs.”

S.E.C. v. R.T. Jones Capital Equities Mgt.



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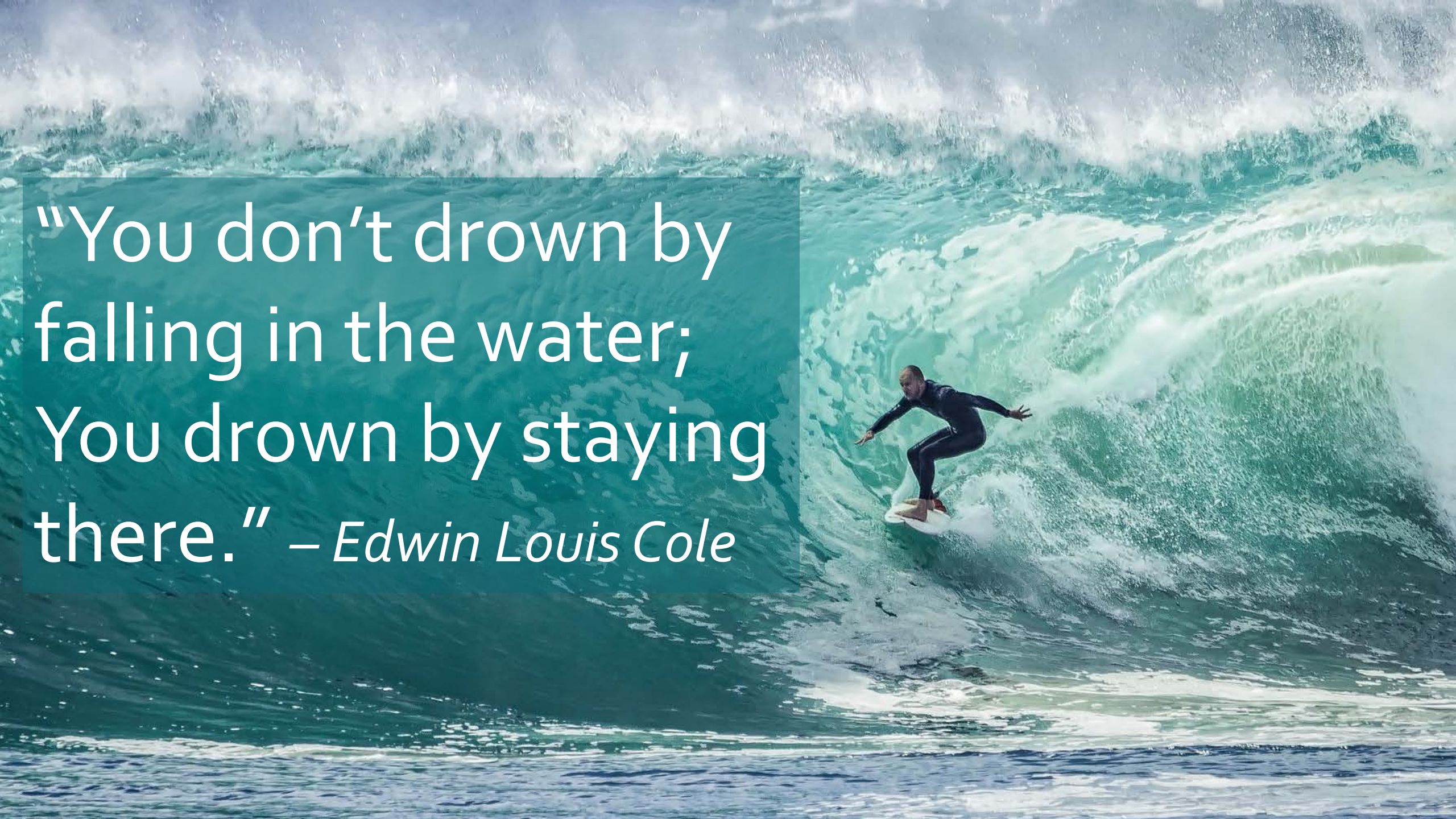
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You drown by staying
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