

Adding It All Up: Professional Services Rethinks Sharing Data with Service Providers

As nefarious characters become more sophisticated in their approach, they become increasingly harder to spot. Nearly half (41%) of professional services surveyed are more likely to say that sharing data with third parties is seen as a significant information security risk. With this in mind, professional services must create a security-minded corporate culture to strengthen their first line of defense against data breaches—their employees and service providers.



51% OF
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Surveyed Have Ever Experienced a Data Breach

40% OF
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Surveyed State a Data Breach Occurred in the Past 12 Months

Professional Services Understands that it Pays to Be Prepared

55%

State Information Security Is Very Important to Their Company

40%

Believe a Data Breach Would Be Costly*

35%

Feel a Data Breach Would Have a Major Impact on Their Reputation

69%

Have Hired a Third-Party Security Expert to Evaluate Security Practices

*In terms of money and time taken to rectify the situation.

Professional Services Are Most Concerned about Documents Left Out in the Open

Professional services are most concerned about employees leaving confidential documents on their desk (71%), yet only a quarter have paper shredding services. With physical document exposure leaving businesses at risk, these organizations would be well-advised to invest in policy and protection strategies to mitigate the possibility of a data breach.

Policies and Protection Strategies

- 56% ▶ Employ Information Security Policies
- 44% ▶ Have Regular Infrastructure Auditing
- 25% ▶ Have a Paper Shredding Service to Protect Against Data Breaches
- 69% ▶ Have a Cyber Insurance Policy
- 36% ▶ Perform Vulnerability Assessments

Response Plan

- 38% ▶ Have an Incident Response Plan
- 30% ▶ Took about a Month to Resolve the Most Recent Data Breach

