



## CYBERSECURITY

### [Cyber Readiness Stalls Despite Increased Intensity of Attacks](#)

According to Hiscox's Third Cyber Readiness Report, which surveyed 5,400 firms in the U.S. and the E.U., cyber threats have "become the unavoidable cost of doing business today." The Report notes that for the first time, "a significant majority of firms surveyed said they experienced one or more cyber-attacks in the last 12 months. Both the cost and frequency of attacks have increased markedly compared with a year ago, and where hackers formerly focused mainly on larger companies, small-and-medium sized firms are now equally vulnerable." The number of firms that reported cyber incidents rose from 45 percent in 2018 to 61 percent in 2019. [Read more](#)

## DATA SECURITY

### [HHS Information Security Program Deemed 'Not Effective'](#)

There was unfortunately some bleak news out of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recently. The OIG recently released the results of a performance audit of the HHS' compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA). The OIG Report states that FISMA requires that there be an annual independent evaluation of the information security program and practices of the agency to determine the effectiveness of such program and practices. [Read more](#)

## HIPAA

### [OCR Issues Five New HIPAA FAQs on Health Information Apps](#)

On April 18, 2019, the Department of Health & Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued five new FAQs addressing the applicability of HIPAA to the use of software applications (apps) by individuals to receive health information from their providers.

The new FAQs [are available](#) under the Header "Access Right, Apps and APIs." [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #187

### [Charitable Giving Scams](#)

Unfortunately, despite our best intentions, others with bad intentions know that we want to help in a time of need, and they are pouncing on our good intentions and the tragedy to steal from us. This week's tip outlines the high-points of giving safely. [Read more](#)

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