

5 Actions You Can Take to Quickly Reduce the Risk of Cybercrime

In a recent study, 90% of healthcare organizations that responded had at least one data breach in the last two years. 38% had more than five breaches. The estimated average economic impact to each healthcare organization is \$2,000,000 over a two-year period.*

Here's what your organization can do:

1. Establish **secure configuration** of hardware and software on laptops, servers, workstations, and mobile devices.
2. Institute **vulnerability management** as a continuous process to identify, prioritize, and reduce system weaknesses.
3. Maintain **strong authentication**, particularly strong and secured passwords. (Weak passwords are a primary cause of security failures.)
4. Utilize **security monitoring** to detect a targeted attack at an early stage and minimize damage.
5. Develop **incident response capabilities** where experts with the skills, tools, data, and time search for security incidents.

A risk assessment from CareTech Solutions can identify specific cybersecurity risks that need to be addressed, and a roadmap or plan can be developed to close gaps identified in the risk assessment.

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