

THE THIRTEENTH NATIONAL HIPAA SUMMIT
*The Leading Forum on Healthcare EDI, Privacy,
Confidentiality, Data Security and HIPAA Compliance*
September 24-29, 2006
Washington DC Renaissance Hotel
Washington, DC

Data Breach Prevention 101 and Lessons Learned

Mr. Sam Jenkins

TMA Privacy Office
Department of Defense





Agenda

- Objectives and Background
- Where were we last year?
- What happened?
- How did we respond?
- Lessons Learned

Objectives and Background



MHS: Military Health System

TMA: TRICARE Management Activity

Objectives



**The purpose
of this
presentation
is to:**

- Share the story about how the TRICARE Management Activity has responded to recent data breaches
- Quantify the cost estimates of recent data loss and data breaches both in the public and private sectors
- Describe government actions in response to the increase in data breaches
- Discuss the types of actions we took before, during and after a data breach

LESSONS LEARNED

The MHS includes Provider, Payor, Government, and Life Sciences



Profile: MHS

TRICARE Facts and Figures

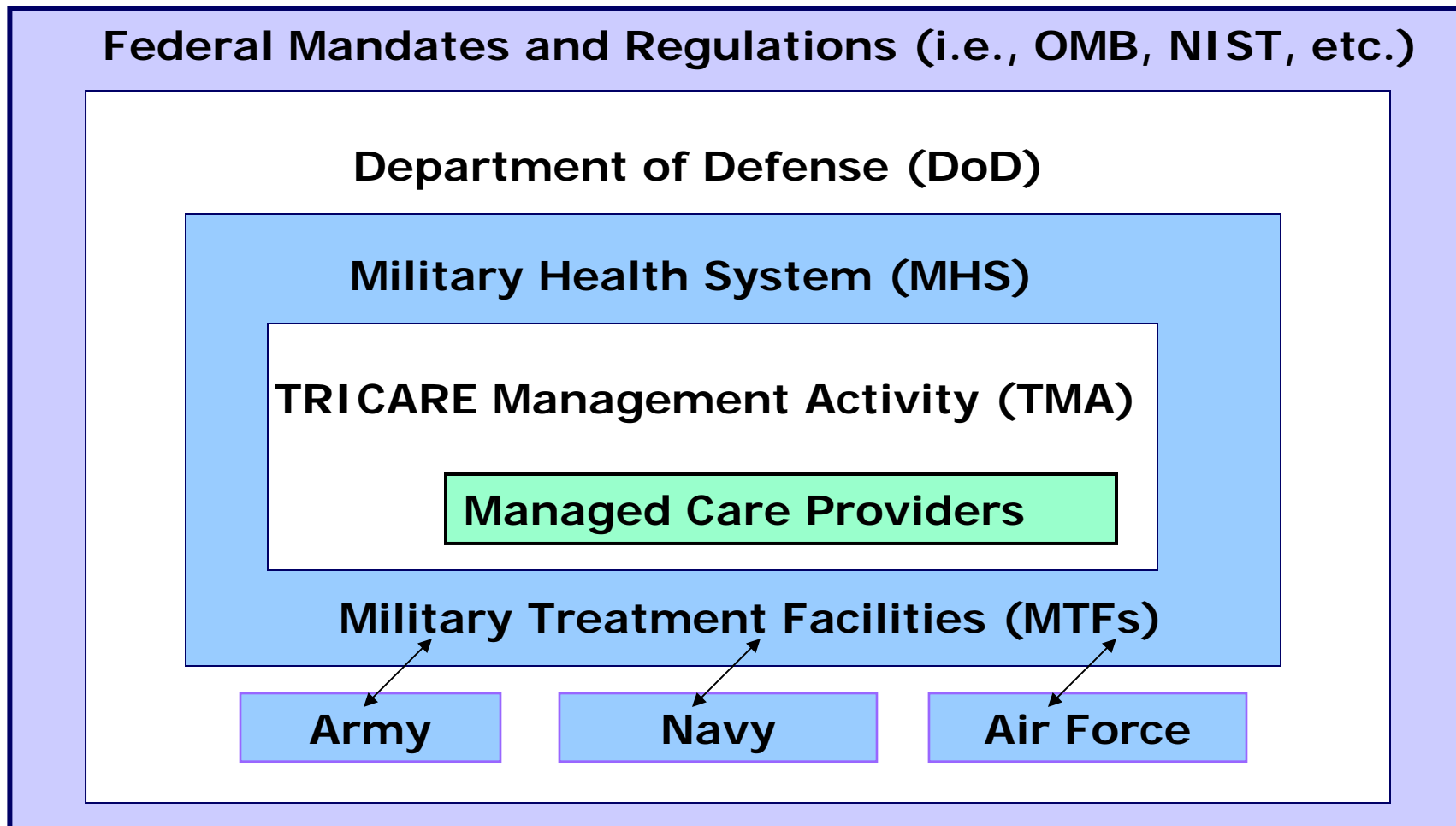
- **TRICARE Eligible Beneficiaries:** 9.2 million
- **TRICARE Prime Enrollees:** 5.0 million
- **MHS Direct Care Facilities:**
 - 70 Military Hospitals/Medical Centers
 - 411 Medical Clinics
 - 417 Dental Clinics
- **MHS Personnel:** 132,500
 - 44,100 Civilian
 - 88,400 Military
- **FY07 DoD Health Care Expenditures:** \$37.1 billion
 - \$26.4 billion
Unified Medical Program
 - \$10.7 billion
Medicare Eligible Retiree Accrual Fund

A Week in the Life

- **Inpatient Admissions:** 18,300
 - 5,300 Direct Care
 - 13,000 Purchased Care
- **Outpatient Visits:** 1.8 million
 - 640,000 Direct Care
 - 1.17 million Purchased Care
- **Prescriptions:** 2.1 million
(Includes retail, direct care and mail order)
- **Births:** 2,200
 - 1,000 Direct Care
 - 1,200 Purchased Care
- **Dental Procedures**
(Direct care only): 104,000
- **Claims processed:** 3.12 million
- **Weekly Bill:** \$711 million

Source: TRICARE Stakeholders Report 2006

Compliance environment is complex

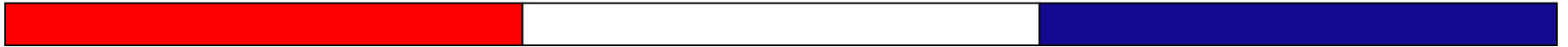


Our commitment is the driver

***The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Privacy Office
is committed to ensuring the privacy and security of
patient information at every level as we deliver the best
medical care possible to those we serve.***

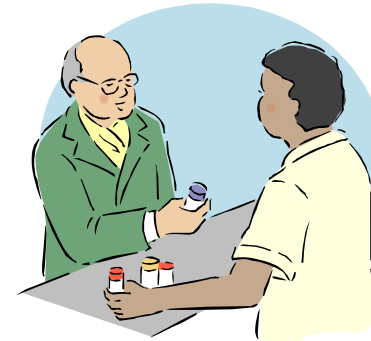


Where Were We
Last Year?




Good HIPAA security and privacy practices in place

- A lot of things going on in your day-to-day activities
 - Policies and procedures
 - Roles and responsibilities assigned
 - Access Management
 - Training and Awareness
 - Risk Management
 - Accounting of Disclosures
 - Workstation Security, etc.



Employee acceptance of HIPAA security and privacy responsibilities


Guard your password to prevent patient data tampering



INTEGRITY
PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

Sharing your password with forgetful or new employees does no one any favors. Although they may get their work done, you and your patient risk harm from damaged data or unauthorized disclosure. Refer them to the Help Desk for a reminder or a new password. Do not write passwords and leave them where they can be found and used by others.

My HIPAA Security Official is: _____

HIPAA Security Awareness 
www.tricare.osd.mil/tmaprivacy/hipaa/hipasecurity

Protect your password



AVAILABILITY
PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

The Help Desk will never call asking for your password. An imposter may call posing as a Help Desk employee. If they do, call your system administrator to report this attempted security breach.

My HIPAA Security Official is: _____

HIPAA Security Awareness 
www.tricare.osd.mil/tmaprivacy/hipaa/hipasecurity

Risk management program underway

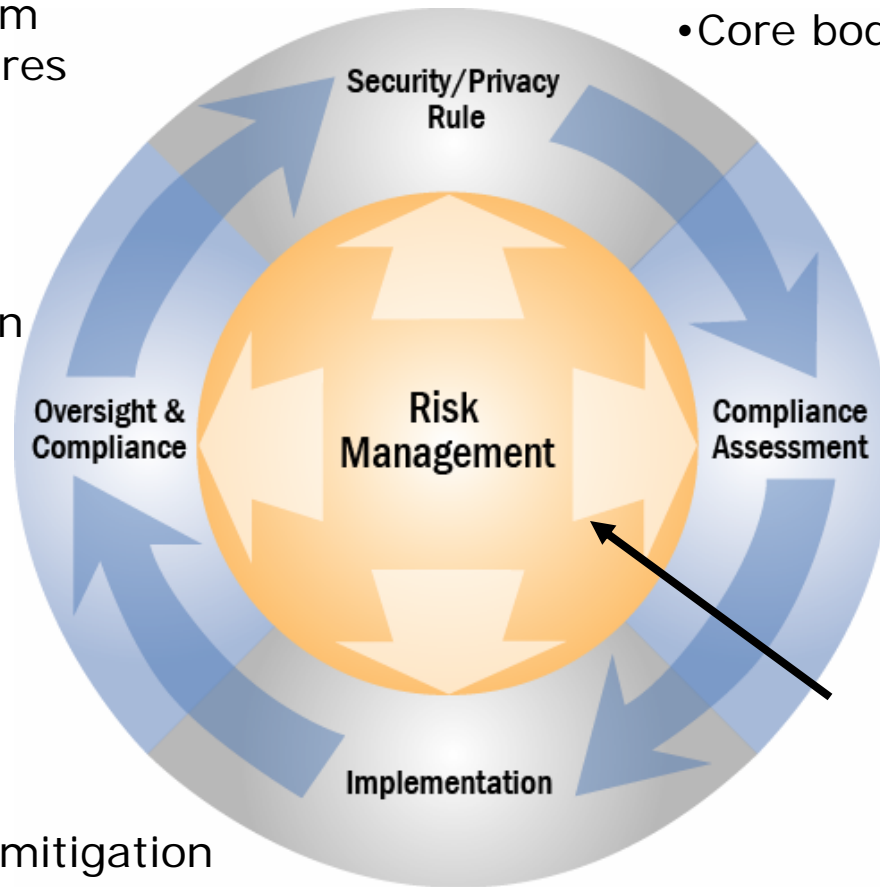
- The key to compliance is risk management. To correctly implement the security standards and establish compliance, each covered entity must:



- Assess potential risks and vulnerabilities to ePHI
- Develop, implement, and maintain appropriate security measures given those risks
- Document those measures and keep them current

Continuous cycle of improvement tracking

- Metrics Program guides, measures and reports effectiveness of HIPAA implementation



- Core body of knowledge

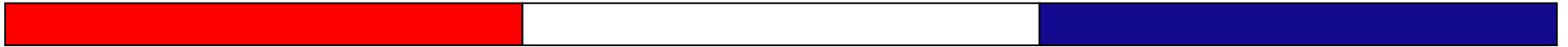
- Self-assessment tool: initial compliance assessment

- Ongoing cycle of risk management and improvement

- Institutionalizes activities of risk management

- Prioritized mitigation based on risk analysis

What Happened?



Data breaches occurred – TMA was not exempt



TRICARE
Management
Activity

14,000 beneficiaries' identifiable
information **compromised**

196,000 customer social
security numbers, names,
birthdates and addresses **lost**



573,000 state
employee
records **stolen**



Georgia Technology Authority



200,000 customer
names, social security
numbers and credit
card data **lost**



American
Red Cross

1 million personal
records **stolen**



26.5 million veteran
and active duty
military records **lost**

One in five American affected this year



TRICARE
Management
Activity

14,000 beneficiaries' identifiable
information **compromised**



200,000 customer
names, social security
numbers and credit
card data **lost**

196,000 customer s
security numbers, r
birthdates and add

Since January 1, 2006 more than
63.7 million Americans
– **21% of the population** –
have had their personal information
lost or stolen.

personal
ids **stolen**

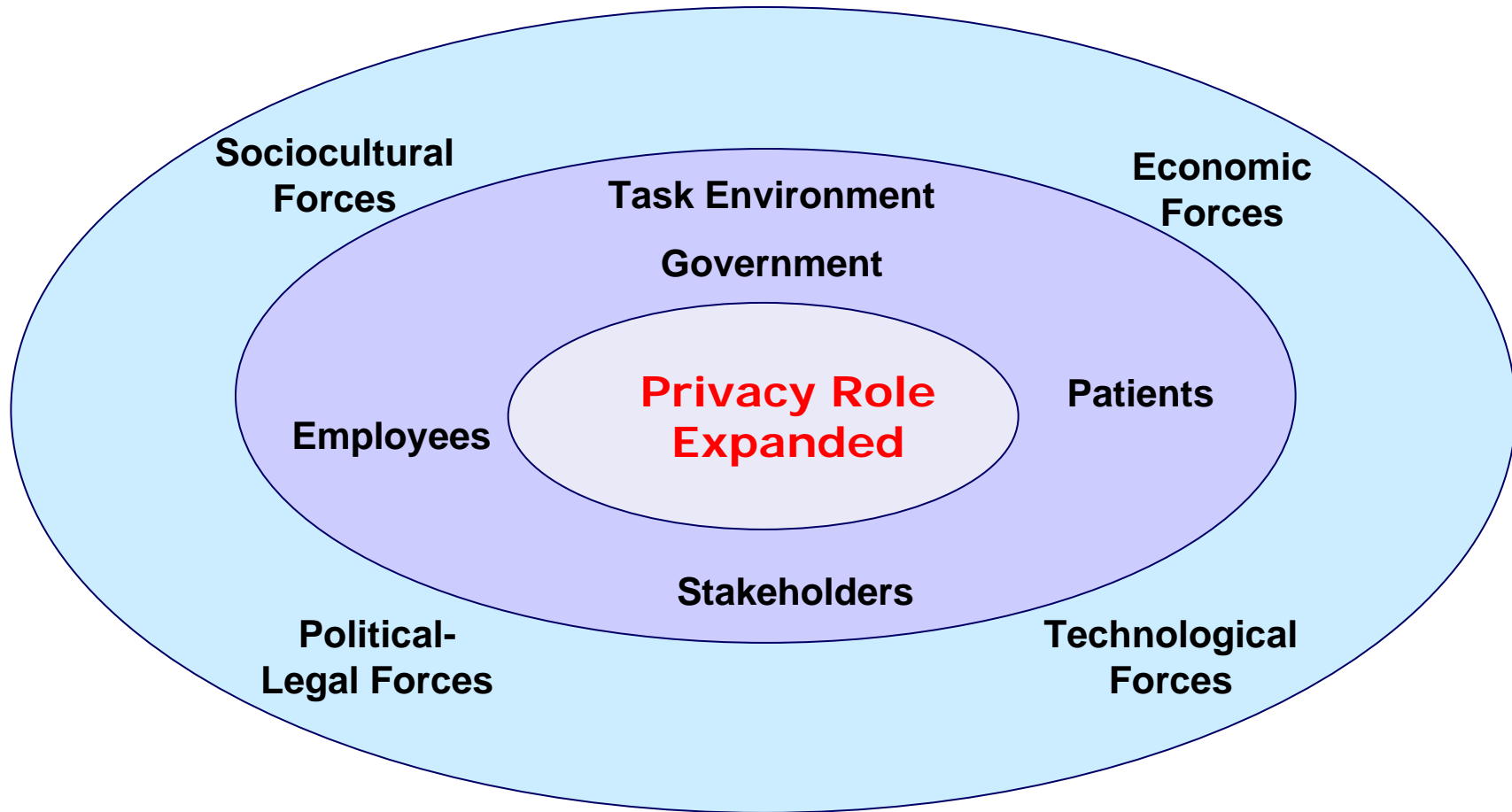


373,000 state
employee
records **stolen**



26.5 million veteran
and active duty
military records **lost**

Societal environment changed – we are all now more on guard



Source: Adapted from Wheelen, T.L. and Hunger, J.D. (2004). *Strategic Management and Business Policy*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

Snapshot of our reality- Data breaches are expected

Economic:

- Military Deployments
- Resource Constraints
- Rising healthcare costs
- Global Pressures

Technological:

- Regulations on Technology
- More Remote Access
- Skill Level of Workforce
- Technology Availability

Political – Legal:

- Regulations – FISMA, OMB
- Mandates
- More data sharing Other Government Policies
- Legal Implications

Sociocultural:

- Lifestyle – More telecommuting
- Attitudes and Beliefs – 24/7
- Demographics – Aging workforce
- Status Symbols - Blackberry

Snapshot of our reality- Data breaches are inevitable

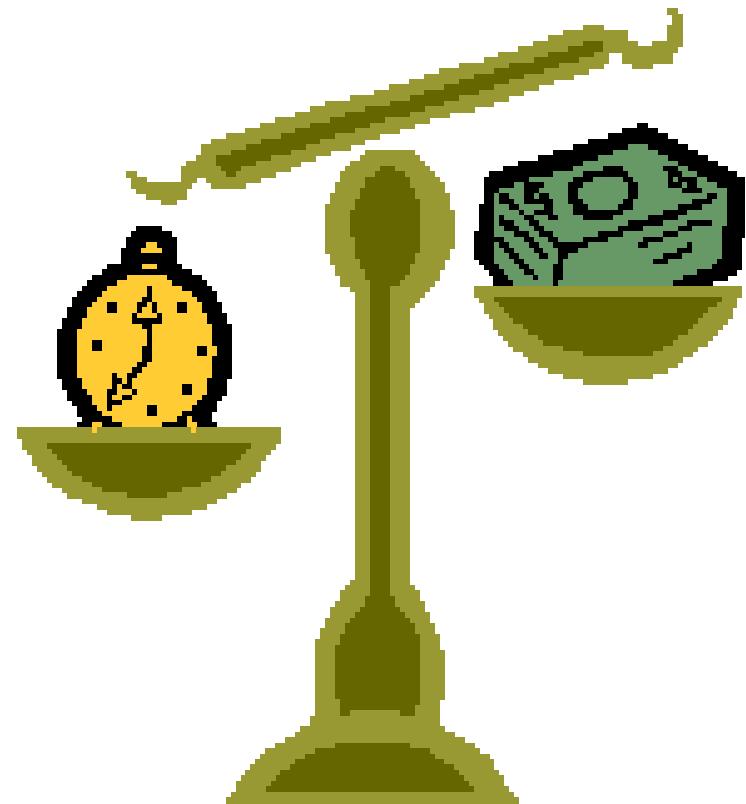
Entity*	Type of Breach	# of Individuals Affected
Department of Justice	Stolen laptop (5/7/05)	80,000
Minnesota Department of Revenue	Data tape backup package missing	50,400
U.S. Navy	Files on civilian web site	30,000
Equifax	Stolen company laptop	2,500
American Red Cross	Dishonest employee (5/24/06)	1,000,000
Kent State University	Stolen laptop (6/17/05)	1,400
	Stolen computers (9/10/05)	100,000
CitiFinancial	Lost backup tape (6/6/05)	3,900,000
DSW	Hacking (3/8/05)	100,000
	Hacking (4/18/05)	1,300,000

**Source: Estimates based on various news media reports*

Result: Tangible and intangible costs

If a data breach does occur, the costs will likely overwhelmingly outweigh the costs of implementing remediation efforts.

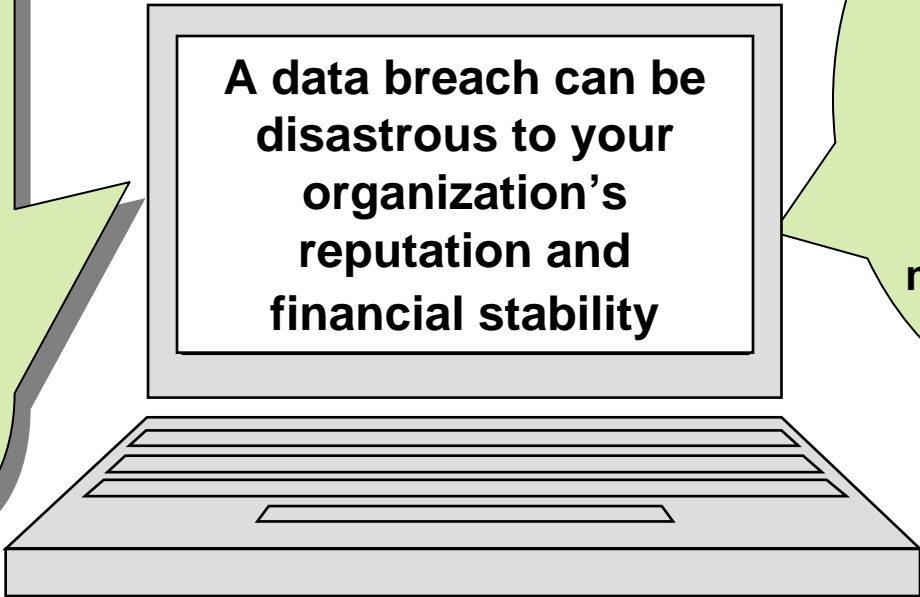
- Loss of current and future customers
- Tarnished reputation
- Lawsuit/legal fees
- Fines and penalties
- Administrative Costs (letters, stamps, call centers, credit monitoring)



Preventing a data incident is less costly...

Based on an average number of 99,667 compromised records, the estimated cost of a data loss incident is \$140 per compromised record

- \$1.5 million in indirect costs for lost employee productivity
- \$7.5 million in opportunity costs for customer loss and increased difficulty in new customer recruiting**



A data breach can be disastrous to your organization's reputation and financial stability

The theft of intellectual property and proprietary information has been estimated to cost U.S. companies as much as \$59 billion per year.*

**Source: Trends in Proprietary Information Loss Survey Report, PricewaterhouseCoopers, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Society for Industrial Security, September 2002*

***Source: Lost Customer Information: What Does a Data Breach Cost Companies? Ponemon Institute PGP® Research Report, November 2005*

...than the costs for 'clean-up'



**A Gartner study indicates:
It is markedly less expensive to
invest in new security and
encryption technologies than it is
for them to respond to a data
breach.**

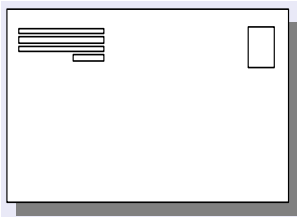
Costs include:

- **Approximately \$6 per year per user for encryption tools; or**
- **\$16 per user per year for intrusion prevention software licenses**
- **\$90 per user to address problems after a breach has occurred***

**Source: Gartner Says Rash of Personal Data Thefts Shows Social Security Numbers Can No Longer Be Sole Proof of Identity for Enterprises, Gartner, June 5, 2006*

Remediation costs can multiply*

Notification Letter



\$1.50-2.00 per individual

Call Center



\$10 to \$31 per call

Legal Fees



\$1,000+ per case

Fines / Penalties



\$1000-\$250,000
per incident

Credit monitoring



\$60 per person

Loss of consumer confidence



Priceless

**Source: Estimates based on various news media reports*

Recent data breach costs have reached approximately \$30+ Million...and rising*

ChoicePoint

- Legal Fines = **\$15 Million**
- Contacting consumers and credit monitoring = **\$2 Million**
- Other
 - Market capitalization loss = **\$720 Million**
 - Direct breach charges, excluding fines = **\$11.5 Million**

TOTAL: over \$?? Million



+



+



Department of Veterans Affairs

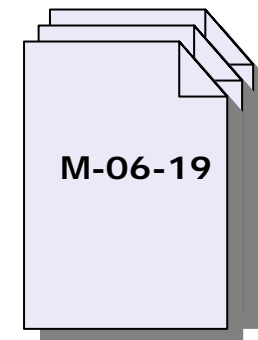
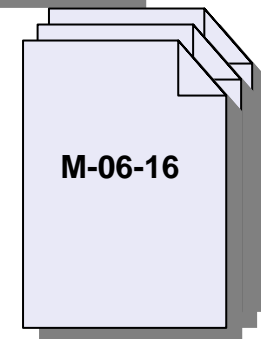
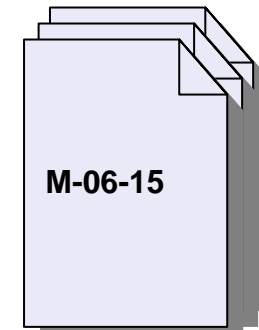
- Notification letters to 17.5 million veterans = **\$7 Million**
- Legal Fines
 - Lawsuit filed requesting \$1,000 per victim = **\$26.5 Billion**
- Credit Monitoring (**N/A**)
- Call Center = **\$200,000 per day (\$10+Million)**

TOTAL: over \$?? Million

**Source: Estimates based on various news media reports*

New mandates from OMB

- To date, OMB has issued three memoranda establishing requirements and providing guidance on protecting PII
 - On May 22, 2006, OMB issued **M-06-15**, *Safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information*
 - On June 23, 2006, OMB issued **M-06-16**, *Protection of Sensitive Agency Information*
 - On July 12, 2006, OMB issued **M-06-19**, *Reporting Incidents Involving Personally Identifiable Information and Incorporating the Cost for Security in Agency Information Technology Investments*
- Several pieces of legislation on data breach notification are currently pending



OMB goal: Safeguarding PII

OMB M-06-15

- Restates Privacy Act Requirements
- Conduct Policy and Process Review
- Weaknesses identified must be included in agency Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M)
- Remind Employees of Responsibilities for Safeguarding PII, the rules for acquiring and using such information, and the penalties for violating these rules

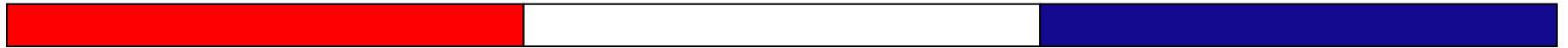
OMB M-06-16

- Requires agencies to perform a technology assessment to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place, including:
 - Encryption standards
 - Allow remote access only with two-factor authentication
 - Use a “time-out” function for remote access and mobile devices;
 - Log all computer-readable data extracts and time parameters
- System Review (NIST Checklist)

OMB M-06-19

- Revises current reporting requirements to require agencies to report **all** (electronic and physical form) incidents involving personally identifiable information to US-CERT **within one hour** of discovery (both suspected and confirmed breaches)
- Privacy and Security Funding Reminder

How Did We Respond?



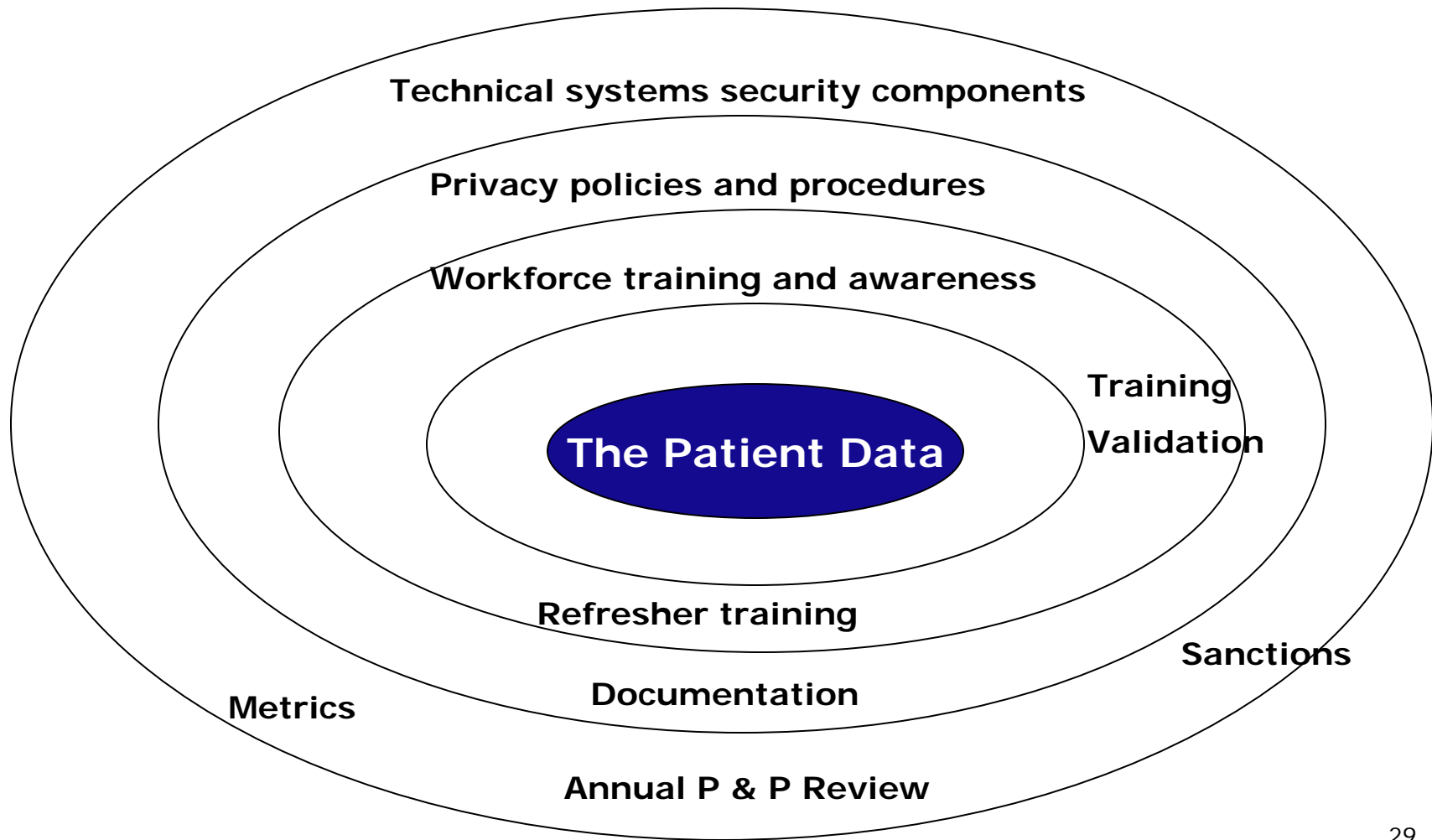
Prevention 101
Lessons Learned

We took a good look at ourselves based on what was happening to others

- “If it can happen to them, it can happen to me ...”
- The greatest risk to safeguarding our data is the human factor



We implemented and reinforced complementary protection processes



We took a proactive stance to prevent data breaches

- We investigated potentially risky business practices, and took actions, such as:
 - Reviewed teleworking arrangements
 - Managed portable storage devices
 - Stopped unencrypted data transmission
 - Confirmed system access privileges
 - Implemented all new government privacy requirements in timely manner



Action required

Reviewed Teleworking Arrangements

Risks	Mitigation Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote access to systems.• Removal of data from organization's physical and technical confines.• Lack of appropriate user awareness of technical security safeguards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restrict teleworkers to government owned equipment.• Make supervisors an integral part of the approval process.• Promote teleworking as the exception not the norm. Tie authorization to specific tasks and timeframes.• Maintain accurate logs of personnel authorized to telework.• Conduct annual review of policies and procedures.



Action required

Managed Portable Storage Devices

Risks	Mitigation Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable media devices more susceptible to theft or loss.• Removal of data from organization's physical and technical confines.• Ability to transport very large volumes of data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require the use of government owned equipment.• Allow only encrypted data to be downloaded to portable storage devices.



Action required

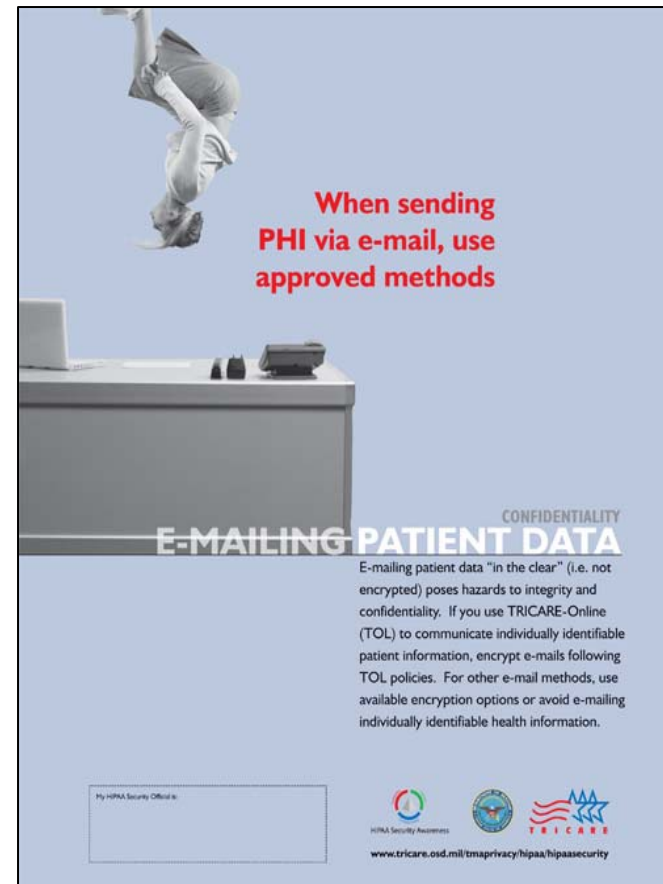
Stopped Unencrypted Data Transmission

Risks

- Data can be intercepted by unauthorized persons.


Mitigation Strategies

- Mandate the encryption of all data transmissions.



Action required

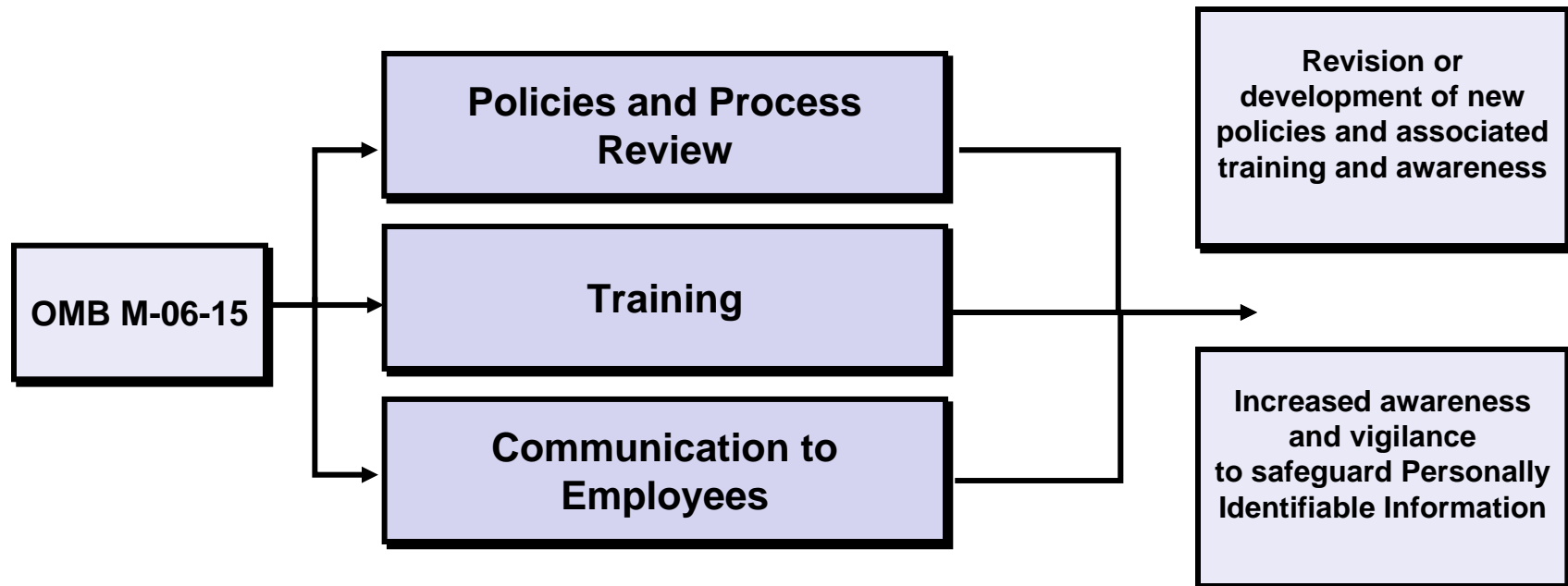
Confirmed System Access Privileges

Risks	Mitigation Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employee access privileges frequently not revoked when appropriate.• Access levels do not align with responsibilities.• Leaves open access for hacker to use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Periodically review all employee access privileges.• Require managerial sign off on all systems access requests, including authorization for specific access level.• Monitor and audit data being accessed by personnel.• Tie removing personnel's access to systems to another mandatory stage of the out processing procedure.

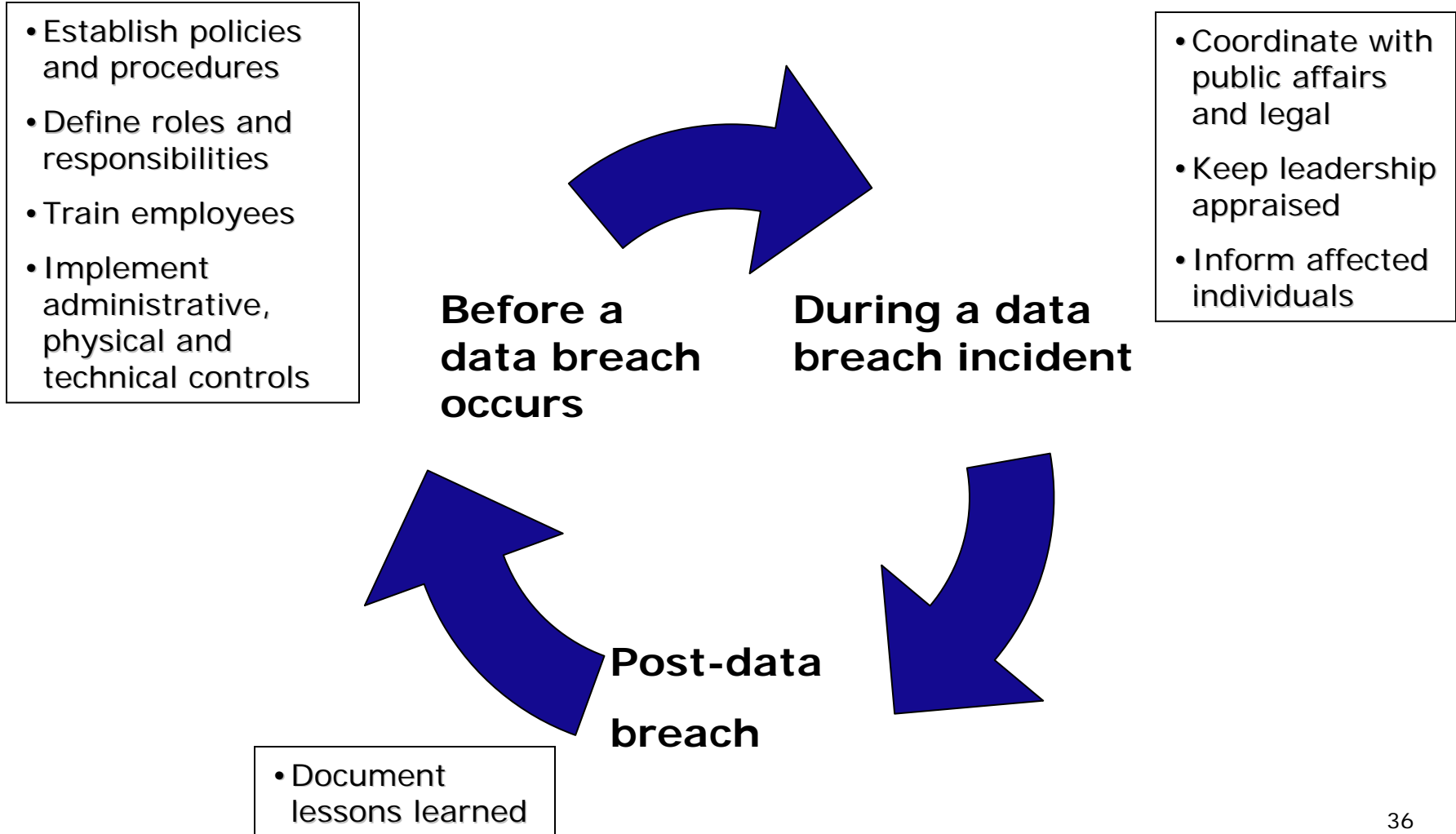
Action required

Implemented OMB M-06-15

- Our three pronged approach met, and exceeded, stated requirements
- Activities included:
 - Policies and Process Review
 - Mandatory Training
 - Strategic Communications



Prevention activities are ongoing



We are all vulnerable. Are you ready?

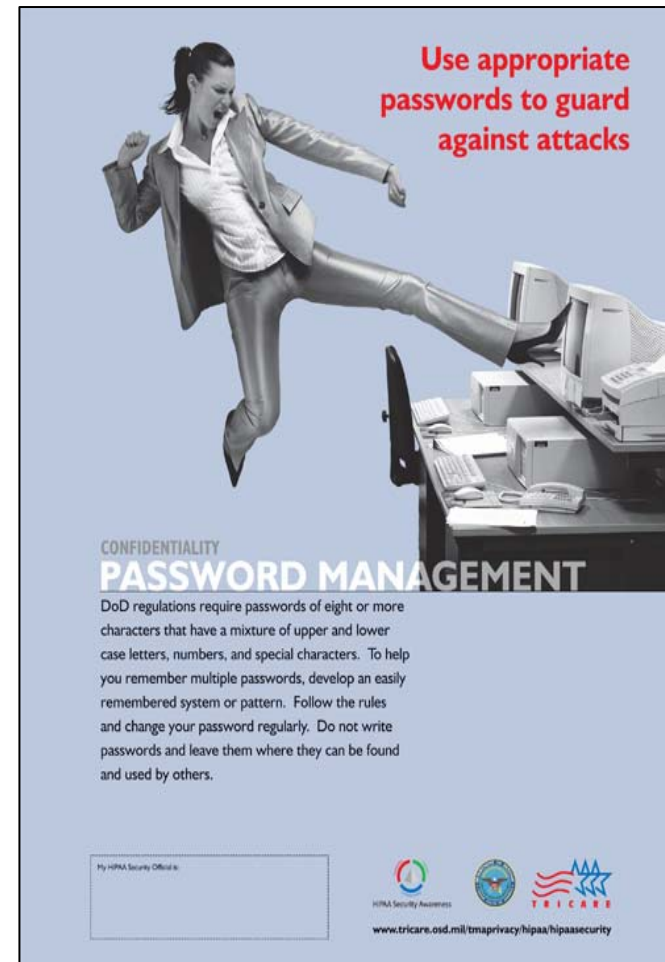
The issue is not *whether* you will experience a data breach but rather *how* you will respond when the inevitable occurs.



Due Diligence:

How Do You Know You Are Safe?

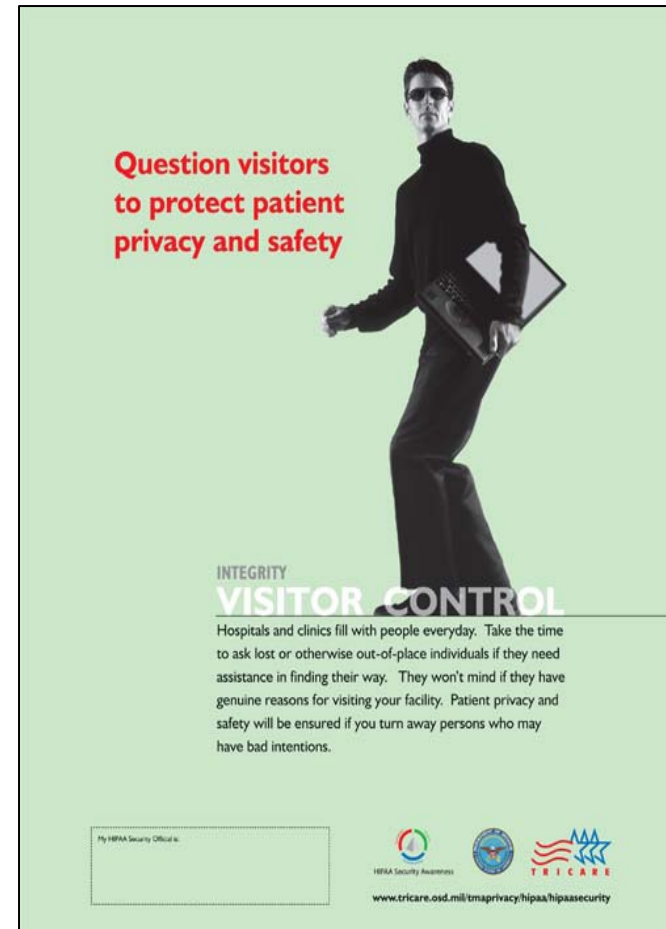
- ***What are your policies and procedures related to the protection of data and PHI?***
- ***Have you mapped the flow of data in your organizations?***
- ***Have you expanded your HIPAA and other Privacy and Security training to include related responsibilities?***
- ***Do you have an incident response plan?***



Due Diligence:

How Do You Know You Are Safe?

- ***Are you aware of the issues your HIPAA Privacy and Security Officers are facing?***
- ***Are there enough resources? Do you have the time, personnel, and money to effectively execute and monitor a comprehensive Privacy and Security program?***
- ***Are we doing enough to prevent a data breach from happening?***



Resources

- TMA Privacy Web Site:
www.tricare.osd.mil/tmaprivacy/HIPAA.cfm
- Contact us at the TMA Privacy Office:
privacymail@tma.osd.mil

THANKS!!!



HEALTH AFFAIRS



TRICARE
Management
Activity