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## Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Insider

Leveraging Knowledge to Manage Your Data Risks



### CYBERSECURITY

#### [Girl Scouts Issue Cybersecurity Badges for Girls in K-12](#)

If you have a daughter in K-12 who is in the Girl Scouts, check out the fact that she can now earn a cybersecurity badge if she demonstrates a mastery of Internet security. Brilliant! What a great way to get girls interested in cybersecurity and provide them with a hot career path at the same time. [Read more](#)

### ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

#### [Trans Union Hit with Largest FCRA Verdict to Date](#)

Trans Union, LLC, one of the largest credit reporting agencies in the United States, has been hit with a verdict by a California jury for \$60 million, which is the largest verdict to date under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). [Read more](#)

#### [CoPilot Provider Support Services Inc. Settles with NYAG for \\$130,000 for Late Breach Notification](#)

CoPilot Provider Support Services, Inc. (CoPilot), which provides health care companies with billing and insurance support services, has paid \$130,000 to settle allegations by the New York attorney general of failing to notify individuals of a data breach in a reasonable time. [Read more](#)

### HIPAA

#### [NJ Gov. Chris Christie Seeks to Ease HIPAA Restrictions in Cases of Opioid Overdose](#)

Last week, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie told reporters he is in talks with representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Justice about easing HIPAA restrictions in situations where individuals have experienced an opioid overdose. Gov. Christie chairs the presidential commission on opioid abuse. [Read more](#)

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## DATA BREACH

### [One Million Individuals' Personal Data on Backup Drive Is Stolen from Washington State University](#)

File this story in the category of "locking data up in a safe is not necessarily secure."

Washington State University (WSU) has begun to notify approximately one million individuals that their personal data was compromised when a backup drive that contained the information was stolen from a safe located in the IT Department. The individuals notified included adults and parents of minors. [Read more](#)

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### [Data of North Dakota Medicaid Recipients' Found in Dumpster](#)

The North Dakota Department of Human Services (NDDHS) is notifying 2,452 Medicaid recipients that their protected health information was compromised when their records were discovered in a dumpster. [Read more](#)

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## INTERNATIONAL PRIVACY LAWS

### [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\) Series Part #2: The Importance of Self-Assessment](#)

In any major project, there is an analysis phase involving a careful examination of your organization's current setup and what needs to be done to deliver the project successfully. Preparing for the GDPR is no exception. Depending on the structures and practices of your organization, compliance could require a significant allocation of resources to ensure that you are ready by the implementation date: 25 May 2018. So, what can be done to get started? [Read more](#)

*Part #2 of this GDPR Series is brought to you by Mills & Reeve, a United Kingdom law firm. Other blog entries in this series will be brought to you by the law firms of Graf von Westphalen (Germany), FIDAL (France), VanBentham & Keulen (Netherlands), and Robinson+Cole (United States).*

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## DRONES

### [DOJ Reports on Drones Flying Contraband to Prisons](#)

While drone delivery services are certainly on the agendas of large retailers like Amazon, inmates in jails across the U.S. are already using drones to receive their own aerial contraband shipments. Through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, the Department of Justice (DOJ) revealed that there have been many attempts over the past five years to transport contraband to prisoners in the U.S., from mobile phones to drugs, and even pornography. State facilities have also reported similar incidents over the years. [Read more](#)

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## **[New Statistics Predict Drone Production Will Soar to \\$73.5 Billion over Next 10 Years](#)**

According to recent studies and statistics, unmanned aerial systems (or drones) promise to have the most dynamic growth of any sector in the aerospace industry. With the ease of airspace regulations and operational limitations set by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (for the most part), the flood of investments, and the introduction of new drone services and technology, the stage is set for very rapid growth. The Teal Group, an aerospace and defense market analysis firm in Fairfax, Virginia, said in its recent report that over the next 10 years drone production (for nonmilitary purposes) will total \$73.5 billion, rising from a \$2.8 billion worldwide market in 2017. This will include the production of commercial, consumer, and civil government systems. [Read more](#)

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### **PRIVACY TIP**

#### **[Privacy Tip #93 – Electronic Frontier Foundation Privacy Badger](#)**

I am from Wisconsin, so I am a Badger fan. Actually a double Badger fan, as I am a big fan of the Electronic Frontier Foundation's (EFF) Privacy Badger.

According to the EFF's website, Privacy Badger "is a browser extension that automatically blocks hidden third-party trackers that would otherwise follow you around the web and spy on your browsing habits."

Third-party tracking by advertisers and websites is widespread and is done with "cookies." This is when someone tracks your browsing activity without your consent, knowledge, or control.

Privacy Badger is designed "to end non-consensual browser tracking and promote responsible advertising...[and] encourages advertisers to treat users respectfully and anonymously." The goal is for participating sites to agree not to retain any information about users who have said they don't want to be tracked.

I am going to heed their advice and "[D]ownload Privacy Badger now to take a stand against tracking and join the movement to build a more privacy-friendly web." You might consider using it as well if you want to limit the tracking of your browsing history.