



HOW IT AND

INFOSEC

VALUE PRIVACY

Privacy and information security policy overlap and are also separate, as in a Venn diagram or like links in a chain.

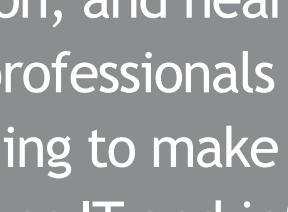


What about in operations, though?

How do privacy and info security teams inside organizations actually work together?

How do their priorities and efforts align?

These are the questions the IAPP and TRUSTe set out to explore in a recent survey of 550 privacy, IT, and information security professionals.



ONE THING THEY AGREE ON?

Communication between the privacy and security departments, alongside a strong data breach response team, is most important for mitigating the risk of a data breach:

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As they seek to get a better handle on their data and the extent of corporate risk, they value core privacy functions such as data minimization and data mapping:

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In fact, more than half of infosecurity teams now have privacy representation, and nearly half of privacy teams have infosecurity professionals involved. And you can see privacy beginning to make its way deep into the organization, just as IT and infosecurity have done in the past.

Further, while high-profile breaches clearly have companies increasing their infosecurity budgets, so too are they increasing privacy spend, and focusing that as much on privacy technology as personnel:

However, when we look at what motivates behavior directly, it isn't so much security incidents as contact from regulators that grabs the attention of companies:

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT SECURITY INCIDENT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS?

YES: 39% NO: 53% DON'T KNOW: 8%

HAVE YOU BEEN NOTIFIED OF A REGULATOR'S INVESTIGATION IN THE PAST TWO YEARS?

YES: 14.5% NO: 75.5% DON'T KNOW: 10%

Simply experiencing a security incident changed behavior almost not at all. Clearly, when the regulators are watching, companies prioritize their privacy operations, which can only serve to help the infosecurity department. As long as they communicate.