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Debunking Cybersecurity Myths: Legal Risks and Realities

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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AGENDA OUTLINE

- I. Theme 1: The Threat Landscape
 - i. Myth 1: “Cybersecurity is an IT problem”
 - ii. Myth 2: “We’re protected because we have all the right tools in place”
 - iii. Myth 3: “We’re too small to be a target”

- II. Theme 2: Breach Response
 - i. Myth 4: “We’ve satisfied privacy breach notification requirements, so we’re compliant”
 - ii. Myth 5: “Personal information was exfiltrated, so there’s automatically a real risk of significant harm”
 - iii. Myth 6: “Our insurer will pay the ransom—we’re covered”

- III. Questions and Answers

- IV. Closing Remarks



Theme 1: The Threat Landscape

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Myth 1: “Cybersecurity is an IT problem”

- Governance failures vs. technical failures
- Impact of organizational culture
- Embedding cybersecurity into operations
- C-Suite and Board considerations



Myth 2: “We have all the right tools in place”

- Assessing the adequacy of security measures under privacy and sector-specific laws and regulation
- The involving threat landscape and the impact of AI
- Operational limits of common security tools



Myth 3: “We’re too small to be a target”

- Economics of cybercrime
- Specific challenges for small organizations
- Importance of resilience



Theme 2: Breach Response

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Myth 4: “We’ve satisfied privacy breach notification requirements, so we’re compliant”

- Navigating a patchwork of breach notification requirements



Myth 5: “Personal information was exfiltrated, so there’s RROSH”

- How exfiltrated data may not be usable
- Assessing the RROSH threshold following exfiltration



Myth 6: “My insurer will pay the ransom—we’re covered”

- Cyber policy misunderstandings
- Significant costs of managing a breach



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