

# Compromise Is Not an Option: Beat Criminals at Their Own Game Through People, Process, and Technology

A discussion about safeguarding information and proactively addressing potential threats to a municipality and the community it serves.

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# KEY AREAS OF FOCUS



## FRAUD SITUATION

ORGANIZATIONS ARE UNDER ATTACK



## HUMAN & TECH

STRENGTHENING YOUR DEFENSES



## KEY TAKE-AWAYS

TO PROTECT YOUR ASSETS



## WHAT'S GOING ON

NEW METHODS & THREATS



## PAYMENT TRENDS

AUTOMATE AND DIGITIZE SECURELY

# Fraud Situation

THE NEED FOR HEIGHTENED AWARENESS



## Ransomware

Lock up data for a payout

### Local Municipality

6-figure ransom to decrypt system data



## Man in the Middle Attacks (MITM)

Take data to steal funds

### Long-Term Care Facility

Several wire payments sent totaling 6 figures



## Business Email Compromise (BEC)

Get you to send the funds

### Higher Education Institution

6-figure wire sent to a fraudulent "supplier"



## Many Other Cyber Fraud Types

Steal funds directly

### All Types, All Sizes

Losses due to check, ACH, card, wire insider and external crimes

**Criminal attacks are inevitable, data breaches and financial losses don't have to be.**



# WHAT'S GOING ON

## YOU ARE A TARGET

### DEMOCRATIZATION OF CRIME

Large or small; public, privately owned or a government municipality – it doesn't matter, you are at risk.



**You ARE being surveilled**



**You ARE under attack**



**You ARE NOT flying  
under the radar**



### JUST A FEW OF THE PUBLICIZED CYBER ATTACKS IN 2021:

- JBS Foods
- The Steamship Authority of Massachusetts
- Colonial Pipeline
- Scripps
- Acer
- Illinois Attorney General's Office

# CYBERCRIMINAL METHODOLOGY

TODAY'S CRIMINAL OPERATES DIFFERENTLY



## PERSISTENT

Constantly adjusting their attack methods until they find an angle that is successful.



## SOPHISTICATED

Attempts are increasingly more convincing and better executed with intricate technology.



## TARGETED

Broad tactics are still being utilized, but activities are also being tailored to identify weaknesses and penetrate vulnerable organizations.



## AUTOMATED

Use software to increase efficiency and effectiveness by continually probing targets and uncovering weaknesses.



## PATIENT

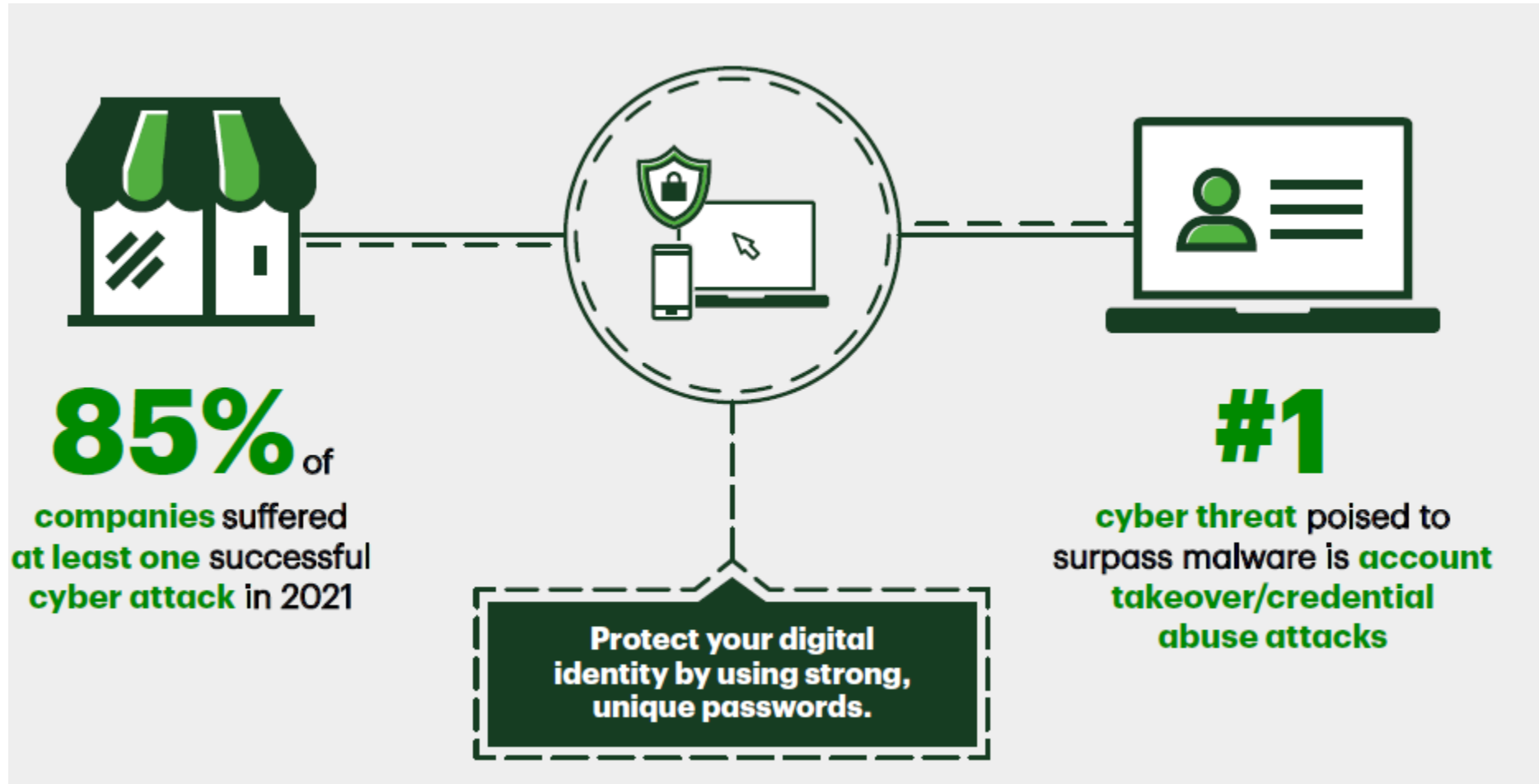
They will watch for the ideal time to strike and are willing to steal encrypted data today with the confidence that technological advances will allow for an eventual payout.



## ADAPTIVE

They are not abandoning their tried-and-true methods, but they are consistently adding new methods and adjusting to be most effective.

# Awareness and Prevention Start With You



# Identity Theft and Account Takeover Fraud

A common form of identity theft, account takeover (ATO) fraud occurs when cybercriminals gain access to your online accounts and use them to withdraw money, make purchases, or extract information they can sell or use to access your other accounts.

Email, social media and bank accounts are potential ATO targets. Stolen user credentials can be purchased on the dark web following a data breach; they can also be obtained through phishing and malware attacks.





# Stay Vigilant Against Persistent Threats



**74%** of

organizations provide training on Business Email Compromise threats and how to identify phishing attempts



**71%** of

businesses report being victims of payment fraud in 2021



**~60%** of

organizations indicate Accounts Payable Departments are most vulnerable to Business Email Compromise scams

## What You Can Do



### The Human Firewall

Fraud awareness training for employees is highly effective in the fight against fraud — especially when coupled with knowledge assessments and repetition.



**Be alert to scams and report them promptly**

**Use anti-virus software**

**Update software regularly**

**Use unique passwords for different accounts (bank apps, social media, email)**



### Cyber Hygiene Rule of Thumb:

Avoid sharing sensitive data in emails, texts, and social media — criminals can use it to impersonate you!

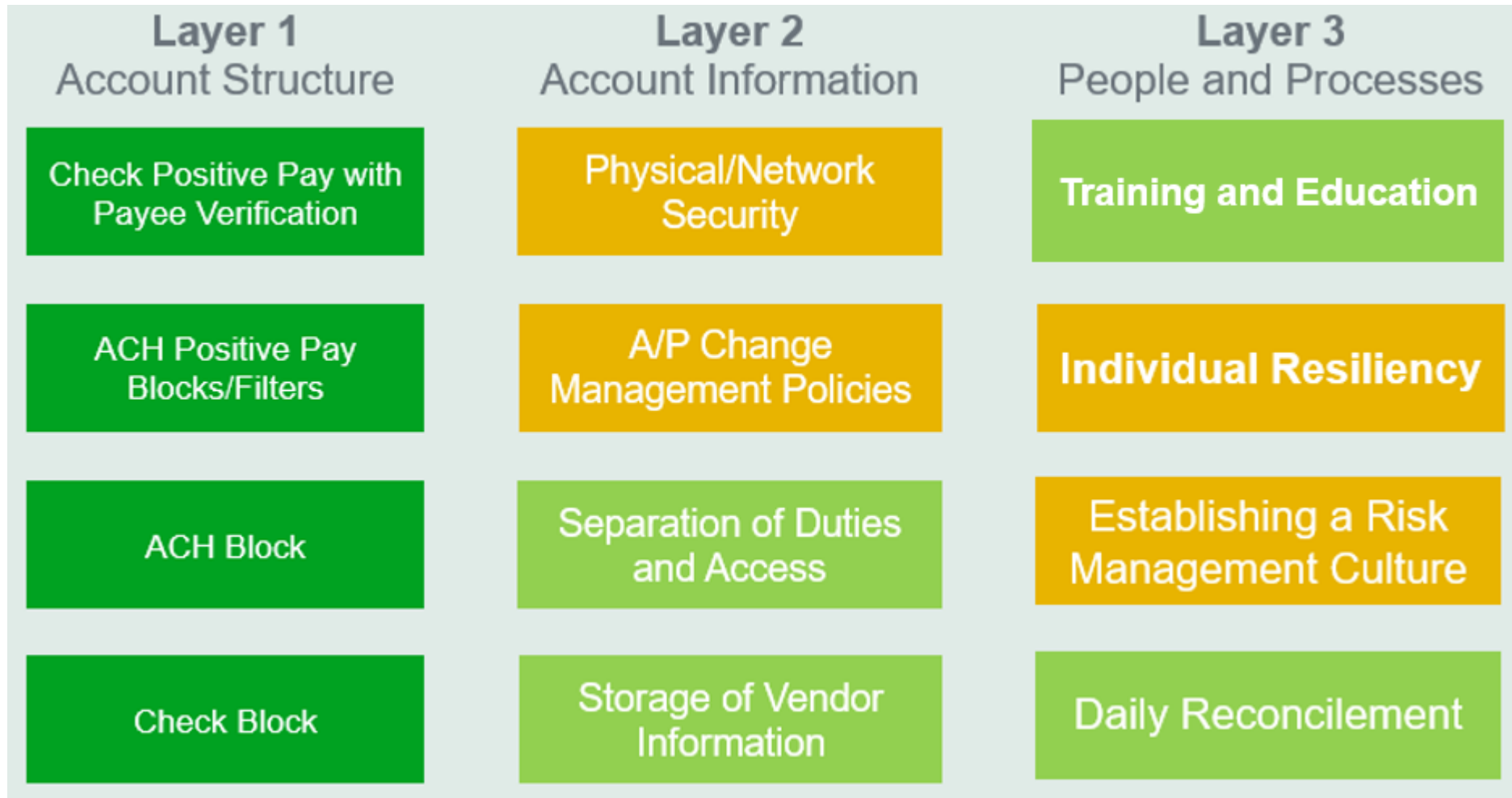


**Don't open attachments or click links from unknown senders**

**Never share account information or user credentials**

**Always verify payment instructions verbally with a trusted source**

# Fraud Mitigation Strategy



Legend

Bank-Offered Products/Services

Dual Bank / Customer Approach

Customer Process/Tactics



# TAKEAWAYS

TO HELP PROTECT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S ASSETS



THE BANK WILL NOT CALL/TEXT/EMAIL FOR YOUR CREDENTIALS



DO PAYMENT SECURITY TRAINING & TESTING ANNUALLY



STOP USING PUBLIC WI-FI AND UNSECURE EMAIL



VERIFY THAT THE WEBSITE YOU ARE VISITING IS SECURE



BOOKMARK BANKING SITES, DON'T RELY ON SEARCH



PLAN FOR AN INCIDENT - STEPS TO TAKE, NUMBERS TO CALL

# MORE TAKEAWAYS

TO HELP PROTECT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S ASSETS



**PUT BANK-OFFERED SECURITY SERVICES IN PLACE**



**EVALUATE YOUR CYBER INSURANCE POLICY**



**MAKE CYBER HYGIENE A PRIORITY FOR ALL ENDPOINTS**



**DESIGNATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FRAUD PREVENTION**



**VERIFY ALL NEW INSTRUCTIONS VERBALLY WITH KNOWN CONTACTS**



**BENCHMARK YOUR PRACTICES**

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

**TD Bank**  
[Fraud Control](#)  
[TD Commercial Banking Security Center](#)

**American Bankers Association (ABA)**  
[banksneveraskthat.com](https://banksneveraskthat.com)

**Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency**  
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[CISA Cyber Hygiene Services](#)

**National Council of Information Sharing &  
Analysis Center (ISAC)**  
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**OVERVIEW**  
SecureTreasury offers your organization a flexible way of strengthening one of the most vital areas of your defense—your people. This subscription-based, online training course is designed to reduce the risk of corporate payment fraud by educating interdepartmental staff on common approaches to fraud, areas of organizational vulnerability and leading practices for increased controls within a complete treasury security framework.

**KEY FEATURES/BENEFITS**

- **Preemptive** – prepare for fraud attacks before they strike.
- **Efficient** – train your team at a global level for a local cost.
- **Continuous** – stay current on fraud threats & prevention tactics.
- **Flexible** – access the course content 24/7 & receive automatic updates when published.
- **Targeted** – maximize your training with role-based recommendations.

Organizations who train and test their employees on fraud report dramatically lower losses. Non-trained firms experience as much as five times (5X) the loss from fraud.

Many of the most rapidly growing, commonly attempted and dangerous fraud types target our people. They rely on tricking employees into opening the door to their attacks. SecureTreasury equips your people to fight back and become a part of your organization's defense instead of a vulnerability.

**LEARN ASSESS PROTECT**

**HOW IT WORKS**  
Your employees receive their credentials from your organization's program administrator. Authorized staff will have access to all course content including: brief description of the topic, video lesson, guided worksheet, and course quiz to ensure comprehension. The administrator sets the deadlines for course completion and receives employee quiz results, but lessons can be reviewed at any time.

**Additional features:**

- Multiple subscription levels available to accommodate different group sizes.
- Training materials available 24/7 with active subscription.
- Courses updated and lessons added every year to reflect evolving fraud threats and security standards.
- Coursework may be eligible for continuing education credits toward professional credential recertification.

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