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Leveraging Knowledge to Manage Your Data Risks

CYBERSECURITY

[Joint Commission Issues Alert on Patient Safety After a Cyber-Attack](#)

On August 15, 2023, the Joint Commission issued a Sentinel Event Alert entitled "[Preserving patient safety after a cyberattack](#)," which provides "tips on what organizations can do to prepare to deliver safe patient care in the event of a cyberattack." [Read more](#)

[CISA Alert: VMware Releases Security Update—Patch VMware Tools Now](#)

VMware provides multi-cloud services, products, and solutions for its customers, including VMware Tools. On September 1, 2023, VMware released a security update for a vulnerability in VMware Tools. According to the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), "A cyber threat actor can exploit this vulnerability to obtain sensitive information." [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[AI and Audits: Proposed CCPA Regulations Up for Discussion](#)

On September 8, 2023, the California Privacy Protection Agency (CPPA) will discuss the two new sets of proposed California Privacy Protection Act (CCPA) regulations. Here is a breakdown of the two new proposed regulations and issues up for discussion. [Read more](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

[State Legislatures Eye AI Regulation](#)

A growing number of states have enacted laws this year to study artificial intelligence (AI), ahead of possible legislative action to address expected threats to jobs, civil liberties, and property rights with the emerging technology. The specific goals of these committees have varied. For instance, [Minnesota](#) is studying how intelligence sharing with AI might enable law enforcement lead to civil liberty violations while [North Dakota](#) is considering how the technology could affect matters ranging from the job market to the 2024 elections. Perhaps leading the pack, Vermont released a detailed [inventory](#) of the AI currently deployed in its state government. The state plans to use this information to develop a robust AI ethics board and audit procedures to protect the rights of Vermont citizens amidst future AI developments. [Read more](#)

CHILDREN'S PRIVACY

[Congress Considers Kids Online Safety Act Amid Concerns from Activists](#)

The [Kids Online Safety Act \(KOSA\) of 2023](#) is circulating Congress with bipartisan support. According to bill sponsors Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and

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Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), KOSA would require social media companies to develop enhanced parental controls for online platforms. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[More BVLOS Drone Operations Approved by FAA](#)

Two more companies will conduct drone operations beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS). Recently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved UPS Flight Forward and uAvionix for this type of operation in national airspace. UPS Flight Forward plans to conduct BVLOS drone operations for small-package delivery using a ground-based surveillance system. UPS Flight Forward will conduct these flights in North Carolina, Florida and Ohio. However, it may operate in other states from its Remote Operations Center (ROC) in Kentucky. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #371

[Internet Safety Guide for Seniors](#)

Threat actors are using increasingly more sophisticated ways to attack individuals and companies, and quite often, senior citizens who are less tech-savvy may not be able to easily identify these dangers. There are several resources that all of us can provide to our senior family and friends to help protect them from online scams and frauds. Learn more in today's Privacy Tip. [Read more](#)

Recent Events and News:

- **Linn Freedman Recently Quoted in *Modern Healthcare* and SHRM News**

Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Team chair [Linn Freedman](#) was quoted in the *Modern Healthcare* article "[Increased cyberattacks lead to steep consequences for organizations](#)" on August 22. In it, Linn spoke on the extensive impacts of cyber-attacks, saying, "You have to divert time and resources that you don't have to respond to this attack as a victim, and it takes you away from the good work that these institutions are doing."

Linn was also recently quoted in two articles published by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM): "[Workers Duped by HR-Related Phishing Attacks](#)" on August 15, and "[QR Code Phishing Attacks Spread](#)" on August 28. In the first story, Linn discussed how common phishing emails have become in the workplace, especially those that pretend to come from a company's HR department. "I have seen in practice that this is a particularly effective way to get people to click on things that they would normally not click on." The second SHRM article sources comments Linn made on the potential dangers of QR codes from her August 17 *Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Insider* blog "Privacy Tip," explaining that while people have become very comfortable with scanning QR codes, "it is important to understand that just like malicious code embedded in a link or an attachment in an email or text—which we have been trained not to click on—a threat actor can embed malicious code into a QR code with the same results."

- Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Team member [Jennifer Driscoll](#) will present the myLawCLE programs "[COVID-19, Generative AI And The 'Lost Generation' Of Lawyers](#)" on September 13 and "[AI in Antitrust and Data Privacy](#)" on September 28.

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