

# Higher Ed Data Security

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# Here's Your HYPO

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Unauthorized intrusion into U servers discovered; CIO still determining scope/source, systems affected, duration of intrusion, potential damage, and whether PII has been compromised

## **Noon:**

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# Legal / Regulatory Framework

FERPA

FTC

Red Flag

Gramm Leach Bliley

HIPAA

HITECH Act

State Notification and  
Privacy Laws

**FTC**

**GLBA**

Compliance with other laws  
Privacy Safeguards

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**Red Flag Rules**

Risk Assessment  
Detection  
Appropriate Response Protocols  
Periodic re-evaluation

# State Laws

## **What State law matters?**

Depends on school location  
and affected students' states of  
residence

## **Examples of State Laws:**

Pennsylvania Breach of Personal  
Information Notification Act

73 P.S. §§ 2301, *et seq.*

and

California General Breach  
Notification Statute

CAL. CIV. CODE § 1798.81.5

# DOE 7.29.15 “Dear Colleague” Letter

Warning that HEIs need to ...

Assess risks of data breach and identity theft

Classify documents and information set  
appropriate levels of security

Develop and implement policies to cost-effectively  
reduce risks

Monitor, test and improve

# Before the Crisis

## Establish Information Security Working Group

Chair needs clear authority to direct others  
across the U

Working Group will:

Develop risk assessments, protocols for  
security, response plan, notifications, etc.

Evaluate systems and 3d party vendor  
relationships

Look at cyber insurance

Demonstrate U's awareness and commitment

# Back to the HYPO

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duration of intrusion, damage, and whether PII  
actually has been compromised

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# What now?

Diagnose/identify

Fix

Preserve evidence

Prevent recurrence

Notify Law Enforcement [situation-  
dependent]

Report [as required]

Develop notifications [as required]

**And then ....**

**Get ready for the next one.**

# Appendix of Relevant Statutes and Materials

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