



PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY UNDERWRITING SOCIETY

# Tips & Traps

## *Placing and Underwriting a Cyber Policy*

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- Depending on industry and size of potential buyer, a great deal of education can be necessary
- New and developing exposure; less focus on this issue in the Middle Market
- Need to create understanding of threat matrix and regulatory environment
- Product education also required due to developing market and variation of products

- Applications & Supplemental Information
- Follow Up Questions
- Warranty Statements
- Meeting or Conference Call vs Written Submission
- Broker/Applicant Presentation Preparations
- Shortened Renewal Process



# PLUS Negotiation of Terms/Conditions

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- Identify Top Cyber Exposures
- Define Coverage Goals
- Approach Carriers with Coverage Goals Outlined in Advance
- Compare Coverage Wording
- Explain Limitations of Available Coverage to the Buyer

- 30 + insurers offering some modicum of Cyber Risk coverage
- Cyber Crime and traditional Cyber Liability
- Monoline & on other policies via endorsement
- Insurer appetite and coverage offering segmented by size of Insured & Industry Vertical



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## Coverage – Offering and Language

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- 1<sup>st</sup> party coverages
- Contingent Business Income
- PCI Coverage
- Regulatory Coverage – Fines and Penalties
- Reputational Harm
- Social Engineering
- Computer System Property Damage
- Prior acts

- Certain industry verticals have become more volatile, creating stricter underwriting guidelines and limited capacity
  - Financial Services
  - Retail- Point of Sale
  - Healthcare
  - Higher Education
  - Technology
- As the exposure and the products continue to develop, specific coverage specifications and enhancements have materialized for certain industry verticals

- Middle Market vs. Large National Accounts  
(depending on how you define these)
- Underwriting by Class of Business
- Breaches Dictating Underwriting
- Aggregation of Risk
- Small Business





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# Developments in Buying Influences

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- Terrorism
- Coverage Litigation Decisions
- Dependent Business Interruption
- Internet of Things
- Property Damage/Bodily Injury
- Bitcoin & Other Cryptocurrencies



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# Data Breaches

*How to prepare for and  
respond to the inevitable*

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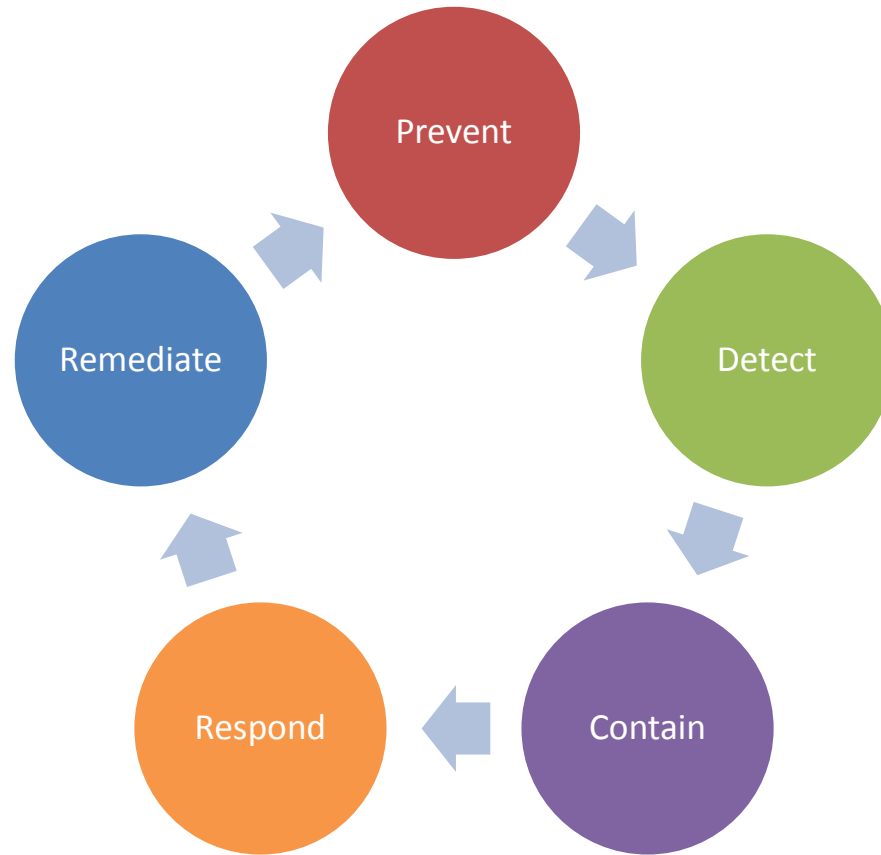


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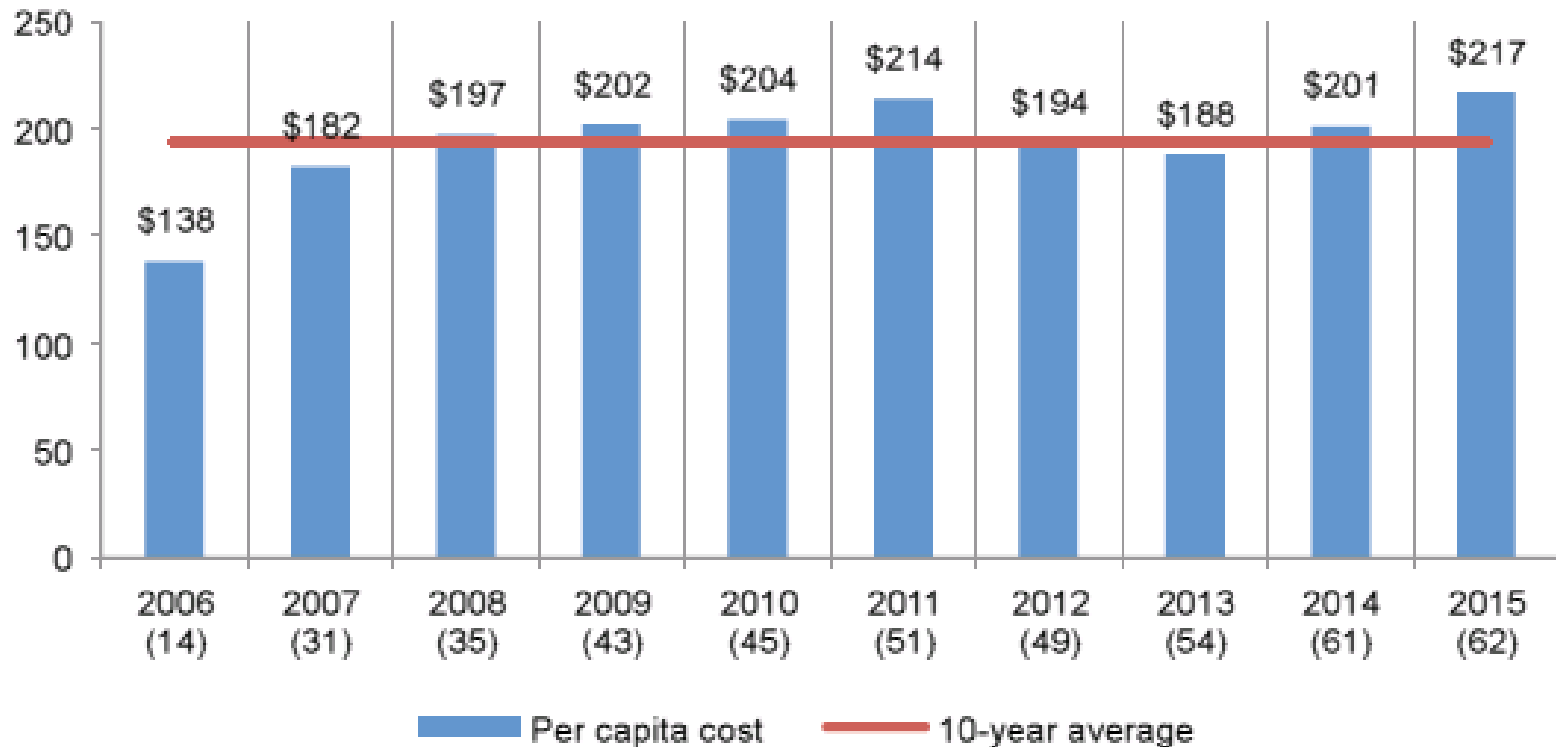
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# Data Breach Life Cycle



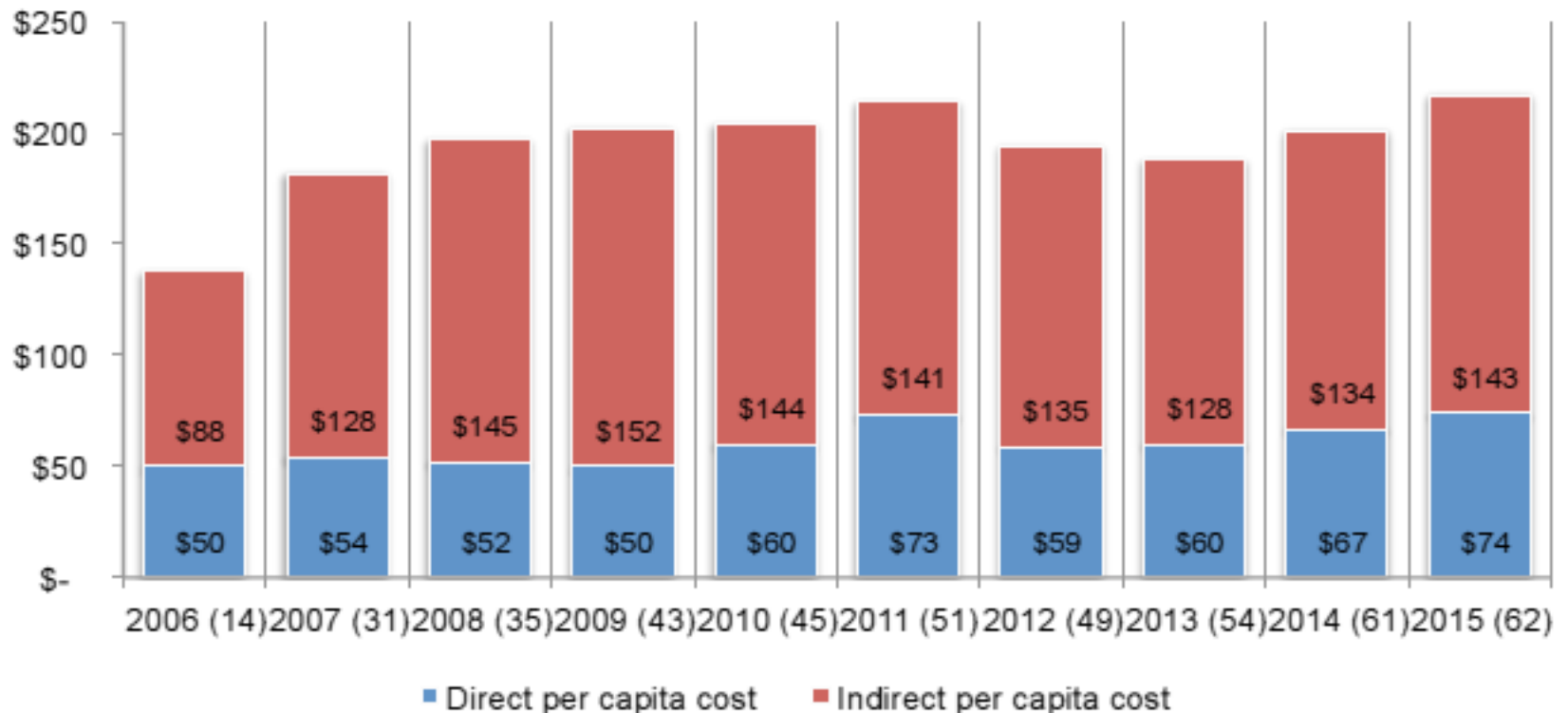
**Figure 1. The average per capita cost of data breach over 10 years**

Bracketed number defines the benchmark sample size



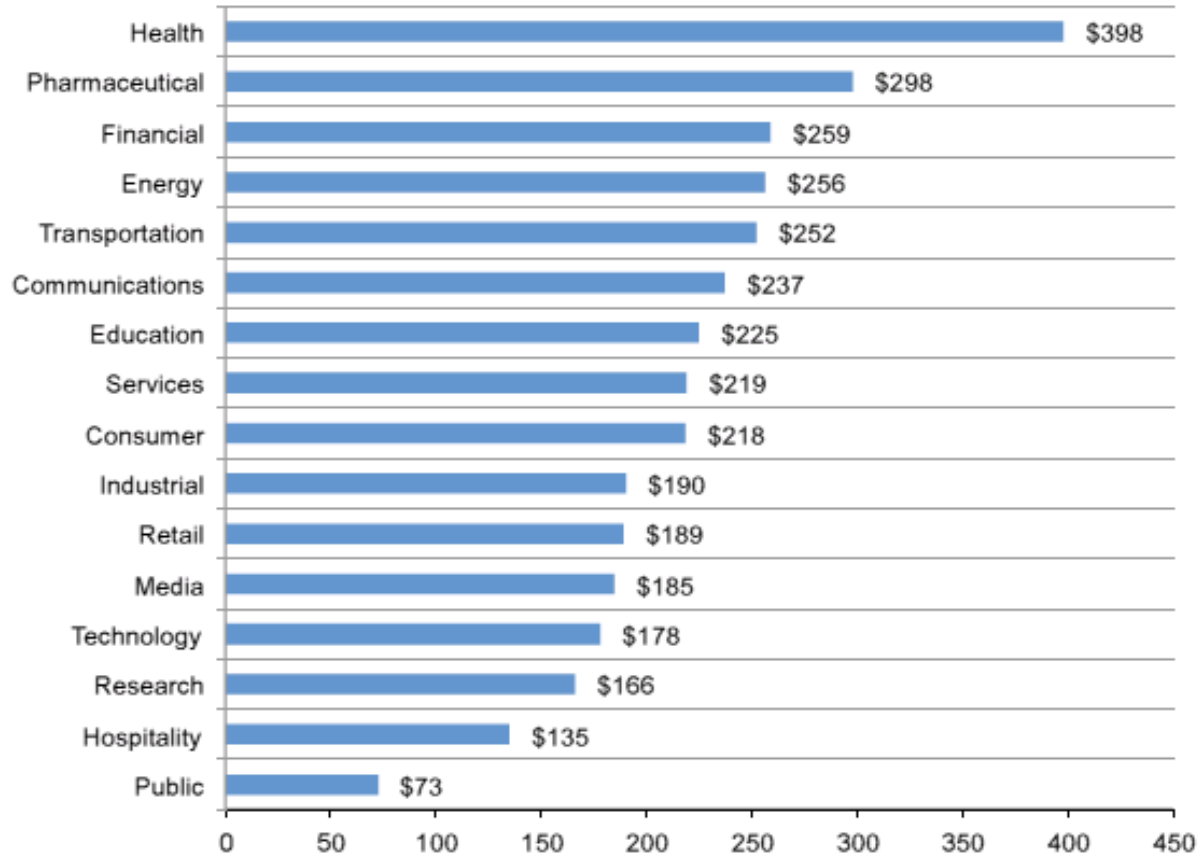
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**Figure 15. Direct and indirect per capita data breach costs over 10 years**



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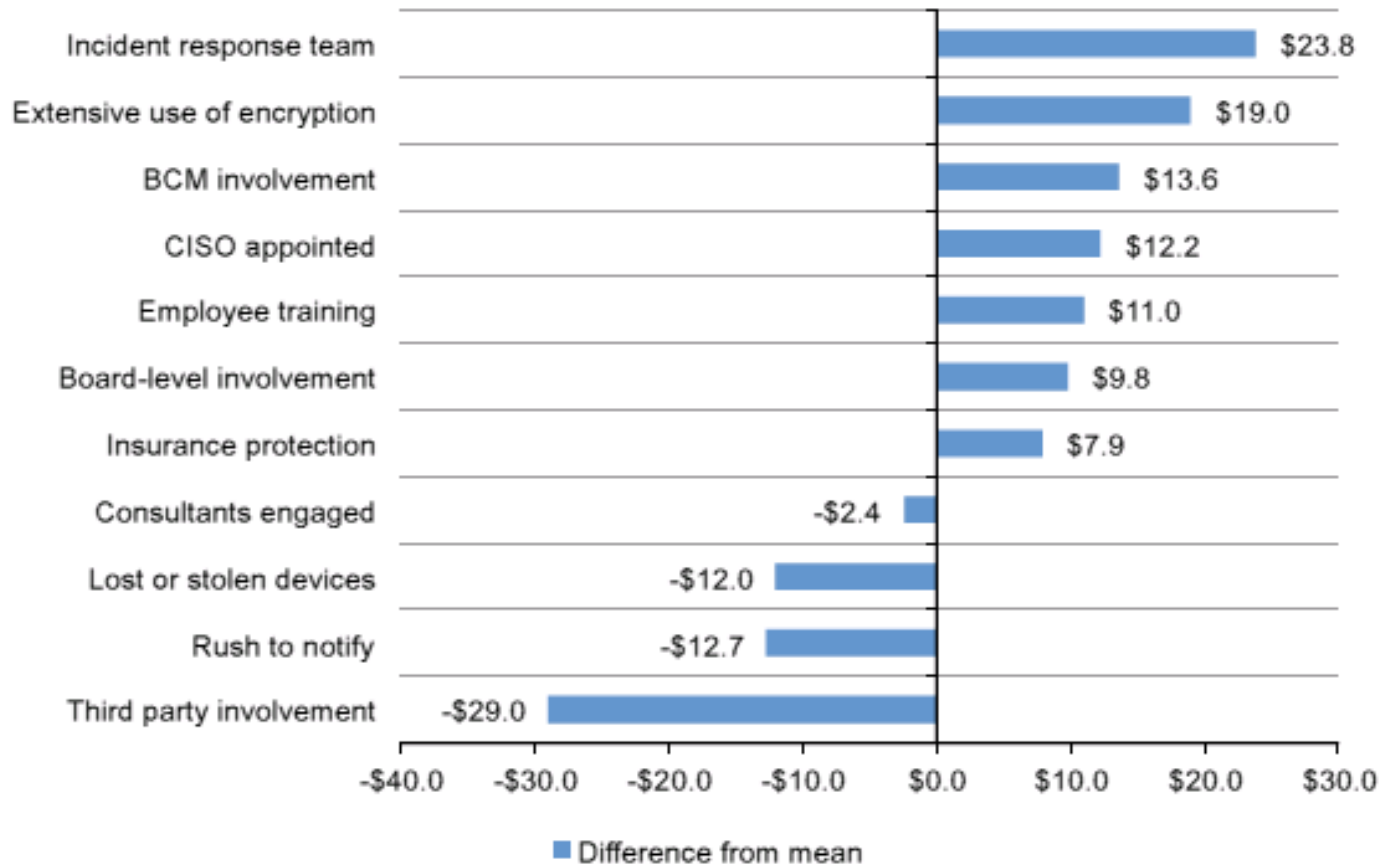
Figure 4. Per capita cost by industry classification of benchmarked companies



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**Figure 7. Impact of 11 factors on the per capita cost of data breach**



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- Typically coordinated by CIO/CISO
- Other members from divisions that also could be source of or affected by breach: sales, human resources, operations, finance/accounting
- Legal counsel (cyber/data breach experience)
- Computer forensics vendor
- Public relations company
- Insurance claims professional



- Identify team members (contact list)
- Identify sources of data and risk
- Define what constitutes a breach
- Process for investigation (who, what, when?)
- Process for containing threat and preserving evidence (e.g. offline)
- Process for notification
- Post-incident remediation

- Incident report form
- Emergency response communication plan
- Data breach response checklist
- Chronology of events
- Chain of custody forms

- Create a culture of security that starts from the top – make it a “boardroom issue,” not an “IT department issue”
- Traditional in-house training
- Internal phishing campaign/testing
- Services offer online videos, weekly emails, etc.

- Disconnect, but do not unplug, reboot, or run anti-virus or scanning software
  - Do not attempt to repair damages/broken system
  - No action that could overwrite data on affected system
- Change passwords
- Disable remote/external connections
- Notify insurance carrier and outside counsel
- Notify law enforcement
- Do not rush to notify affected people

- Legal counsel should direct the process and all communications and retention of vendors
- Maintain chronology of events and records of the chain of custody of physical items
- Use forensic analysis to determine:
  - How breach occurred
  - When it occurred
  - Who has been affected
  - What data was disclosed

- 47 states have adopted some form of data breach notification law
- Require prompt notification, and some establish penalties and rights of action
- Typically define data breach, types of protected information, and thresholds for the notice requirement
- States without laws: Alabama, New Mexico, and South Dakota

- Healthcare: HIPAA
- Financial: Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
- Public companies: Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- Federal regulatory agencies:
  - Federal Trade Commission
  - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
  - Federal Communications Commission
  - Department of Health and Human Services

- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- Payment Card Industry Council
  - Designed to establish common security guidelines
  - PCI DSS



- Passed in 2005
- Amended in 2007 to apply to state and local governments
- Requires covered entities to provide notice to affected Georgia residents and others in the event of a breach of covered information



- “Information broker” – anyone who, for monetary fees or dues, collects personal information for primary purpose of furnishing it to third parties
- “Data collector” – any state or local government, except agencies whose records are kept primarily for traffic safety, law enforcement, licensing, or access to court or property records

- First name or initial and last name plus:
  - Social security number
  - Driver’s license number or state ID number
  - Credit, debit, or account number
  - Account passwords or PINs
  - Any combination of above when not in connection with name if sufficient to attempt identity theft
- Does not include encrypted, redacted, or publicly available information

- Timing: “in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay.”
- Scope: “to any resident of this state whose unencrypted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.”
- If more than 10,000 residents affected, must also notify consumer reporting agencies that compile info on nation-wide basis.

- Three primary methods: written notice, telephone notice, and electronic notice consistent with 15 U.S.C. § 7001.
- Substitute methods include email, website, or major state-wide media if:
  - Cost of primary methods exceeds \$50,000
  - More than 100,000 individuals affected
  - Not enough contact information for primary notice

- Timing
- Explain in straight-forward and honest manner:
  - What occurred
  - What data was disclosed
  - What you are doing to fix it
  - What people should do to protect themselves
- Consult law enforcement first
- Standard to offer credit monitoring services

- Meet with your Incident Response Team to debrief after a data breach
  - What worked and what did not
  - How can security be improved?
  - How can our response be improved
  - Do changes need to be made to your policies?
- Communicate with your employees and reinforce the importance of awareness and security