



Beyond Simply Compliant

The True Purpose of Cybersecurity Training

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Who here **loves**
cybersecurity training?



Boring.
Unhelpful.
Forgettable.
Easy to ignore.



Florida Baptist Convention

Jacksonville, FL

STOLEN

\$700,000+

CASE FACTS

Staff trained

Security software running



Source: Florida Baptist Convention, May 2023

Examine what's broken.

Establish a plan.

Educate in person.



First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

Royal Oak, MI

STOLEN

GIFT CARDS

CASE FACTS

4+ people

Real accounts



Source: FOX 2 Detroit, February 2023

St. Ludmila Catholic Church

Cedar Rapids, IA

STOLEN

\$466,000+

CASE FACTS

\$7M renovation

Architect's email hacked



Source: U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Iowa

Elkin Valley Baptist Church

Elkin, NC

STOLEN

\$793,000+

CASE FACTS

Real contractor

New payment details

\$18K recovered



Sources: federal court record · Baptist Press

United Church of Marco Island

Marco Island, FL

STOLEN

\$1,200,000

CASE FACTS

2 impersonations

Half recovered

1 claim denied



Source: federal court record, July 2023

New England Conference of the UMC

STOLEN

\$1,600,000

CASE FACTS

Fake Emergency

Posed as the bank

40 wires attempted



Source: United Methodist News, September 2026

Immanuel Southern Baptist Church

Wagoner, OK

STOLEN

\$85,907

CASE FACTS

50 members

16 withdrawals

0 fraud alerts



Source: Baptist Press, February 2026

First United Methodist Church of Wenatchee

Wenatchee, WA

STOLEN

DIRECTORY

CASE FACTS

1 member impersonated
Email change request



Source: Greater Northwest UMC, 2024

What never made the **news**?



What about AI?

REPORTED LOSSES

\$893M

COMPLAINTS

22,364



Source: FBI IC3 · 2025 data · Published April 2026

Which one is fake?

A Accounts <accounts@example.org>
Invoice 2214, September support

Hi Linda,
September's invoice is attached.
We're closing the books early. Could
you pay this today? I'm in meetings,
so email me when it's done.

Thanks, Dana

B Accounts <accounts@example.org>
Invoice 2214, September support

Hi Linda,
September's invoice is attached.
We've changed banks.
Please use the new payment
details on the invoice.

Blessings, Dana





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Stop. Call. Wait.



Know who **to call**.

STOP	
CALL	Primary: #
	Backup: #
WAIT	



First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

STOP	Requests for money or gift cards		
CALL	Primary:	Member named in request	# (202) 555-0101
	Backup:	Church office	# (202) 555-0102
WAIT			



Elkin Valley Baptist Church

STOP	Changes to payment instructions		
CALL	Primary:	Contractor billing contact	# (202) 555-0103
	Backup:	Contractor alternate	# (202) 555-0104
WAIT			



First United Methodist Church of Wenatchee

STOP	Changing or sharing member information		
CALL	Primary:	Member named in request	# (202) 555-0105
	Backup:	Church office	# (202) 555-0106
WAIT			



Decide in **advance.**



Grace Lutheran Church

Catawba County, NC

STOLEN

\$0

CASE FACTS

2 gift cards requested

Members warned



Source: WSOC-TV, August 27, 2026

Who you gonna call?

VENDOR EMAIL

“We’ve changed banks. Use the new payment details on this invoice.”

PAYROLL CHANGE

“Can you update my direct deposit before Friday’s payroll? New account attached.”

UNEXPECTED SIGN-IN

You are not signing in. Your phone asks you to approve a sign-in.

NEW VOLUNTEER

“I start with the youth team Sunday. Pastor asked me to email you so you can add me to the leaders group.”



Plan **before** it's urgent.



Everyone follows the plan.



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U.S. Military Academy

West Point, New York

IN-PERSON STUDENTS REPORTED

More focused.
More connected.

STUDY FACTS

551 cadets

12 instructors

Classroom or Zoom



Source: Kofoed et al., AER: Insights, 2024

Worth the **hour.**



Everyone has a part.
Train together.



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NIST SP 800-50 Rev. 1

HIPAA · 164.308(a)(5)

CIS Controls v8.1 · 14.1

GLBA · 16 CFR 314.4(e)

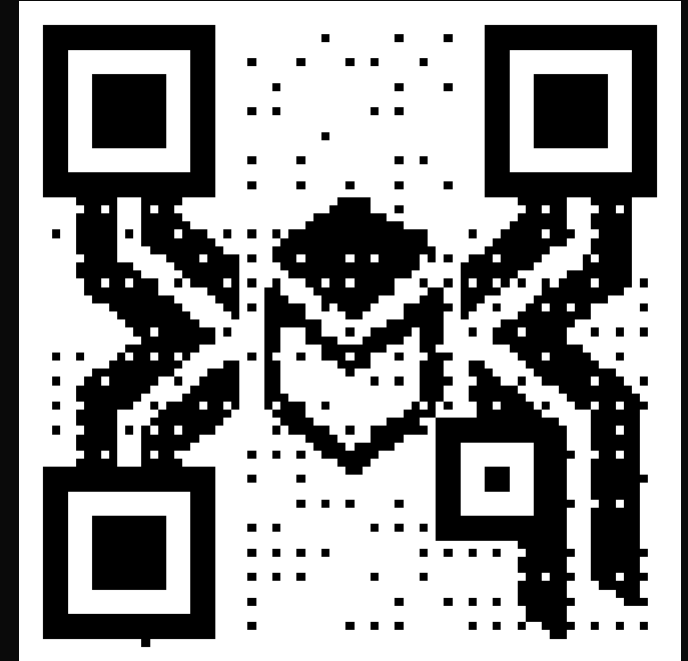
PCI DSS v4.0.1 · 12.6.3

Cyber insurance underwriting





Know when to **stop**.
Know who to **call**.



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