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Privacy: A-G bemoans 'foot-dragging' on data breach

A hard drive with seven years' worth of personal financial and medical information on about 1.5m customers of Health Net of the Northeast Inc has been reported missing to state officials – six months after the drive went missing, reports **Computer World**. Along with medical records, the hard drive contains names, addresses and Social Security numbers of Health Net customers from Arizona, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. **Connecticut Attorney-General Richard Blumenthal says his office is investigating the data breach.** 'Health Net's incomprehensible foot-dragging demonstrates shocking disregard for patients' financial security.....' he is quoted as saying.

[Full Computer World report](#)

Security: Breach sees thousands of credit cards recalled

More than 100 000 German credit cards have been recalled by the banks Volksbank and Raiffeisenbank following a suspected security breach at an unidentified Spanish payment processor, reports **Finextra**. **The recall affects people who have used Visa and MasterCard credit cards in Spain** and comes after police began an investigation into a payment processing company in the country. Sarah Blaney, card fraud expert at life assistance company CPP, says: 'Our own research shows that Spain is the place where Brits are most likely to have their cards lost or stolen, so we urge all cardholders using their cards in Spain to be particularly vigilant.'

[Full Finextra report](#)



Security: Hackers breach climate research site

The e-mail system of one of the world's leading climate research units has been breached by hackers. E-mails reportedly from the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit, including personal exchanges, appeared on the Internet last week, reports **BBC News**. A university spokesperson **confirmed the e-mail system had been hacked** and that information was taken and published without permission.

[Full BBC News report](#)



Security: IE bug could cause a data breach – expert

A bug in Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser is causing more than 50m files stored online to **leak potentially sensitive information that could compromise user privacy**. **The Register** reports that according to a security researcher, documents stored in Adobe's PDF format display the internal disk location where the file is stored, an oversight that can inadvertently expose real-world names and login IDs of users, the operating system being used and other information that is better kept private.

[Full report in The Register](#)

Security: Employees 'a bigger risk than stolen laptops'

At least four in 10 workers in the financial centres of the US and UK have admitted taking information from a previous job to the next one. A report on the **OUT-LAW.com** site notes that this is according to a survey carried out for an information security company, which found that 41% of the workers surveyed at London's Canary Wharf and New York's Wall Street had taken data from one job to another. Accidental data losses have been hitting the headlines, but the report says security experts **have long warned that employees are a bigger security risk than lost laptops** or misplaced CDs.

[Full report on the OUT-LAW.com site](#)

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