Fraud Trends

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ITRC Identity Theft Resource Center



Recent Data Breaches

June 2024

- Truist Bank
- Life360-Tile Data tracker
- Ticketmaster
- CDK Global

March 2024

- Vans
- Fujistu

May 2024

- JP Morgan Chase
- Dell
- Dropbox
- Ascension Healthcare

February2024

Change Health-United

Bank of America

Healthcare

April 2024

- US Government-CSO Online Reports
- Giant Tiger
- Roku

January 2024

- Anthropic
- Trello

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What's for Sale

Cyber Attacks on companies and data breaches gather information that was on the systems network and is sold on the dark web.



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What are Credit Unions' Reporting-Imposter Scams

Scammers initiate contact with a member to obtain access to their private information, accounts, and/or money by impersonating your Credit Union, a trusted professionals, a business or government entity or even a family member.







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What are Credit Unions' Reporting-Imposter Scams- continued

These scams are successful because of how much legitimate information that can be mined from the dark web. This information enables fraudsters to convincingly impersonate your credit union and have enough information on your members to make it look legitimate.

There is a story..

Crooks hacking into the members accounts.

Stories of credit unions under suspicion and can they help.

Typically, there is a sense of urgency and pressure by the scammer to act. Causing panic so you will act before thinking.

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Best Practices for Imposter/Phishing

Education for Credit Unions

- Make sure staff knows what is taking place.
- Place a banner on CU's website, phone system, online banking home page of what the CU will never ask for.
- If you use a short code, make sure members know but do not post what it is.
- Let law enforcement know what is taking place.

Education, Education, Education for Members

- Educate Members of the types of fraud and how they take place.
- Members will *never* be asked for a full card . number, social security number, PINs or two factor authentication codes.
- Online banking credentials should *never* be • given to anyone.
- If your member is uncomfortable with an • automated call, text message or email have them not respond and call the number on the back of their card or the credit union.
- If they are being told not to tell anyone, feel ٠ pressured, stop and don't do anything without talking to a trusted family member or friend.



Enumeration and Testing Attacks

In an Enumeration attack, criminals submit fraudulent card not present (CNP) transactions, using brute force methods to check if certain data elements are being checked.

> Transactions are submitted with enumerated values such as Primary Account Number (PAN), card verification value (CVV2), expiration date, and postal code to derive legitimate payment account details. This type of attack is commonly referred to as a Brute Force attack.

> > Account Testing: The process of initiating 1-2 low dollar transactions to verify if an account is active to take it over for illicit means or to sell. Typically, these attacks focus on a single BIN range.

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Causes of Enumeration and Testing

| The most common method is for fraudsters to target legitimate eCommerce merchants or third- party service providers that have weak fraud controls in place. | Fraudsters can gain access to the payment system by applying for merchant accounts with synthetic merchant identities and use those accounts to conduct enumeration attacks. | Fraudsters perform merchant account take-overs and gain access to the payment system by obtaining a merchant's login credentials and subsequently taking over their payment gateway to conduct enumeration attacks. | Fraudsters set up cloned point- of-sale (POS) devices or gateways using existing merchant credentials and access processor hosts to submit transactions as part of an enumeration attack. |
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| Due to the lack of fraud controls it makes it hard for the merchant to detect and block fraudulent use of their website for enumeration purposes. | Criminals target acquirers or agents with weaknesses in their underwriting and onboarding practices that allow fraudsters to open merchant accounts for enumeration attack purposes. | These credentials can be obtained when a merchant falls victim to phishing schemes, or gateway service providers lack proper merchant authentication when fraudsters call in pretending to be merchants resetting credentials. | This is due to processors who have front-end platform hosts that fail to validate that POS devices or payment gateways belong to their legitimate merchants. |



Best Practices for Enumeration and Testing

| Utilize | Utilize Card Verification Value (CVV) and CVV2 checking. • Validate accounts, zip code, and expiration dates in all authorization requests. • |
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| Investigate | Investigate authorizations without settlement. • |
| Monitor | Monitor for spikes on Electronic Commerce indicator (ECI) 06 and ECI 07. • |
| Alert on | Alert on an increase in reversals being sent. |
| Block | Block all authorization reversals without original authorizations. |
| Consider | Consider increasing monitoring and reissuance of accounts involved in both Compromise Account Management System (CAMS) alerts and testing incidents. |
| Alert on | Alert on BINs with a spike in volume of approvals or declines that would indicate a suspicious event. |



Ransomware Attacks

2024 Verizon Data Breach Investigation

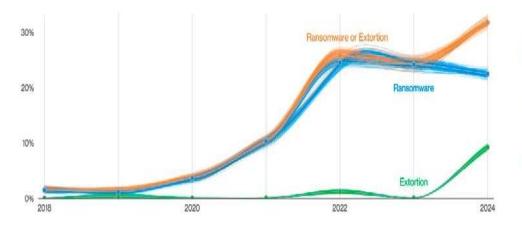


Figure 2. Ransomware and Extortion breaches over time

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Roughly one-third of all breaches involved Ransomware or some other Extortion technique. Pure Extortion attacks have risen over the past year and are now a component of 9% of all breaches. The shift of traditional ransomware actors toward these newer techniques resulted in a bit of a decline in Ransomware to 23%. However, when combined, given that they share threat actors, they represent a strong growth to 32% of breaches. Ransomware was a top threat across 92% of industries.



Ransomware Attacks-continued

- Ransomware is malware designed to encrypt files on a device or system that makes them unusable.
- Ransom is demanded to decrypt.
- The fraudsters will threaten to sell or leak the data they have taken.





Best Practices Ransomware



Networks are secure and up to date including anti malware and software and firewalls

Back up data regularly

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Other Common Fraud Trends-Check Fraud

Remote Deposit Capture (RDC)

- Account is less than 6 months
- Applied online or in branch
- May have opened more than one account
- Deposit after opening
- Checks are washed or stolen
- Usually larger dollars
- Money leaves account quickly P2P or wire



Other Common Fraud Trends-ATM



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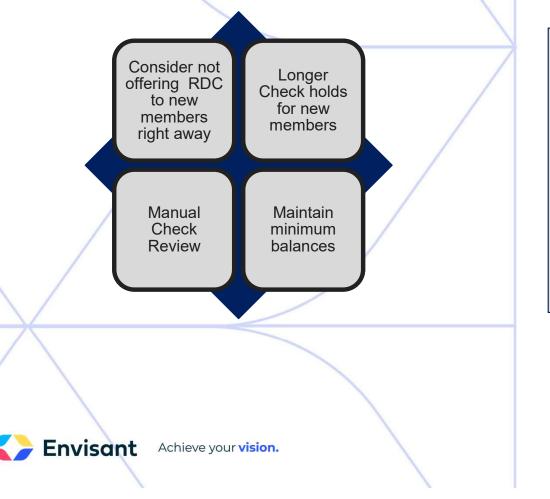
ATM Fraud

- ATMs that are not fully EMV enabled
- Skimmer that damages EMV reader
- Transactions are Fallback



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Best Practices Common Trends



ATM Owner

- Make sure all your terminals are enabled for EMV
- Review transactions for fallback
- Investigate Card Reader errors
- Inspect ATM Daily

Card Issuer

• Fallback transaction limits for ATM terminal transactions as well as POS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning

What is AI?

Technology that enables computers to simulate human thinking or actions. It can be and has been used in many fields for many years. In the financial sector AI in the form of machine learning began in the 1980s

A 2023 FICO survey found 77% of customers expect Fis to leverage AI and machine learning for better fraud protection.



Biocatch survey found:

- 74% of financial institutions are using AI for financial crime detection
- 73% are using it for fraud detection
- 87% say AI has increased the speed with which their organization responds to potential threats



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human intelligence and problem-solving capabilities.





Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Al Scams typically are new spins on what we have seen in the past.

Voice Cloning – using social media to find videos or clips of friends and family. May call saying they need money for bail.

Websites- create fake websites with deeply discounted pricing on popular items. Gather PII and payment information.

Video Call Scams- create live fake videos used for video calls.

Phishing Emails- attempts to click on links or downloading malware







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