

RANSOMWARE

5 UNBEATABLE RESPONSE TIPS

LIGHTEDGE



Ransomware is growing more complex and attacks are on the rise. Prevention is obviously the best strategy, but it's also important to craft your response plan so you're ready in the event of the unthinkable. Preparedness gives you some power back. Here are 5 tips to get you started.

TIP #1 - OWN THE NARRATIVE

Develop a communication plan that identifies who to notify and how. Keep in mind that you need to notify both internally and externally. Attackers may go after your email or other communication methods, so be sure to have multiple channels available for getting vital communications in and out of your organization.

TIP #2 - PRIORITIZE WHERE YOU CAN

Identify critical devices and prioritize the order in which they should be brought back online. Keep the needs of critical staff in mind and be open to their input. Additionally, plan for time for your critical staff to recover so you can solve the issue effectively.

TIP #3 - DON'T NEGLECT YOUR PEOPLE

Who are key players in your recovery process? Have a readily available list of who is responsible for what. Remember that these people will likely need breaks if this is not a quickly resolvable situation, so allow shifts wherever possible for team members to eat and sleep. Additionally, think about who may need to not be on-premises for the sake of efficiency, security, and safety and make plans for those employees as well.

TIP #4 - ASSESS THE IMPACT

Have an inventory of devices so you can quickly gain a picture of the impact an attack has on your organization's infrastructure. This can aid you in assessing the revenue impact of a given attack and adjust your strategy to recover expensive systems first. Open a dialogue with your supply chain to gain a fuller picture and put safeguards in place to reduce the impact.

TIP #5 - PLAN WITH YOUR LIMITS

Make sure you and the rest of your senior team know the scope of work your organization is capable of in recovery. A pre-planned framework is not a time to see how far you can extend your staff. It's a time to do what you know is effective and quick. If that means you're looking to fill some gaps in your staff through managed security services, start shopping for a provider now, before an attack is attempted.

EXPECT TOP-NOTCH RANSOMWARE PREVENTION WITH LIGHTEDGE

Ransomware attacks are continuing to grow in frequency and complexity. LightEdge continues to take a proactive stance when delivering the top network safeguards every organization should have. Our network is intentionally built to handle mission-critical, compliant workloads with the highest standard or security in mind. We also recommend layering on our DDoS Protection services for the fastest possible threat detection and downtime mitigation before disaster ever strikes.

We do understand that it may be too late in some instances and you may already be reactively operating in emergency mode. If your company is currently under attack, LightEdge can step in and work with you to figure out a solution. If you're concerned or experiencing issues, contact us immediately at 1.877.771.3343.

