







You've been ransomed. **Now what?**

Make sure everyone your team is on the same page to avoid common pitfalls in the early stages of a ransomware attack.

DON'T:

-  **ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITHOUT EXPERTISE**
This can escalate risks, compromise negotiations, and delay resolution.
-  **PAY THE RANSOM IMMEDIATELY**
Besides paying too much, you could risk insurance complications, violating sanctions, or not getting your data back.
-  **IGNORE YOUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS**
Ignoring legal obligations or regulatory requirements on data protection, privacy, and incident reporting can result in penalties.
-  **NEGOTIATE WITHOUT A PLAN**
Get a clear strategy, predetermined objectives, and an understanding of the organization's limitations before negotiations begin.
-  **UNDERESTIMATE THE THREAT**
Underestimating the severity or impact of the attack can lead to delays in response efforts and exacerbate the situation.
-  **PROVIDE SENSITIVE INFORMATION**
This can further jeopardize your recovery and data privacy.

DO:

-  **ENGAGE INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS**
These teams are trained in crisis response and will triage the situation.
-  **ASSESS THE SITUATION**
Evaluate the extent of the attack, scope of the breach, impact on operations, and criticality of the affected systems.
-  **CONSULT LEGAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**
Seek guidance from legal counsel and involve law enforcement to understand the legal implications of negotiating with threat actors.
-  **ASSESS POTENTIAL VALUE**
Begin to determine acceptable ransom amounts and negotiating terms by attempting to quantify the value of data stolen or encrypted.
-  **EVALUATE BACKUP DATA**
Determine if critical data is backed up and stored securely in case negotiations fail or the ransom is not paid.
-  **ESTABLISH PROTOCOLS**
Keep internal stakeholders informed to ensure coordinated decision-making and response efforts.

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