

PCI awareness and security training lowers data breach risk for organisations processing payment cards

/EINPresswire.com/ [IT Governance](#), the information security and PCI DSS compliance experts, are warning organisations that store, transmit or processes card holder data not to ignore the risk from staff related security breaches. The latter are on the rise as the last ISBS 2013 survey commissioned by the UK Department for Business Innovation and Skills has revealed.

Deploying an awareness training tool such as the [PCI DSS Staff Awareness e-learning](#) course is essential for both delivering security awareness and meeting the PCI DSS requirements. Further information is available at www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-1012.aspx.

Alan Calder, CEO of IT Governance, says, "With credit card fraud and security breaches on the rise, companies, merchants, banks, and credit card processors, need to be even more alert to safeguarding customers' personal credit card information."

"Employees are often the weakest link and therefore a major target for criminals. Employers have both legal and moral responsibility to reduce the likelihood of staff-related data breaches and this involves offering appropriate awareness training."

Organisations that store, transmit or processes card holder data, are required to comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). Requirement 12.6.1.a focuses specifically on a security awareness programme.

The PCI DSS Staff Awareness e-learning course has been designed to help organisations' front and back office staff, and their managers understand the basic requirements of PCI DSS and how to how to make better data protection decisions.

It is the most cost-effective means of delivering PCI awareness training and meeting the requirements of the Standard.

John MacKenzie, IT Manager at US-based Coulomb Technologies, Inc., said about the course: "The content of the training provided was excellent. It was a good mix of the basics, for those new to the idea, and specifics for those who were a little more advanced. The website itself was very responsive and pages loaded quickly."

To request a free demo of the PCI DSS Staff Awareness e-learning course go to www.itgovernance.co.uk/download/PCI-DSS-1013.htm or call the IT Governance customer service team on +44 (0) 845 070 1750.

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