# From Attack to Action: Navigating Cybersecurity in Retail Operations

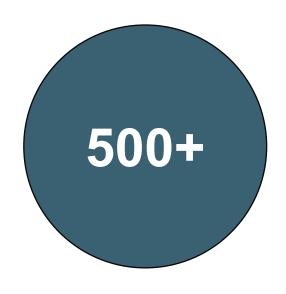


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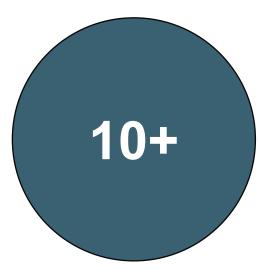
## Agenda

- 1. The Cybersecurity Landscape in Retail
- 2. Threat Detection in Retail
- 3. Navigating and Mitigating Risks
- 4. Measuring the Impact of Cyber Incidents
- 5. Emerging Trends and Technology
- 6. Takeaways & Recommendations

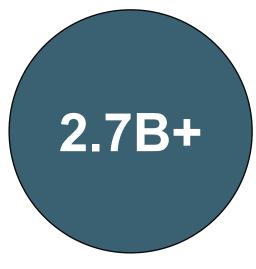
# Cybersecurity: Canada By The Numbers



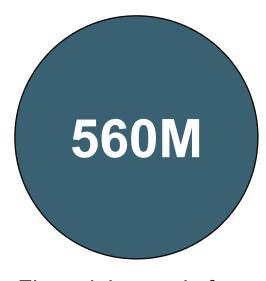
Ransomware attacks in December



Canadian Government websites targeted in December DdoS attacks



National public data breach impacting U.S., Canada & UK (August 2024)



Financial records from Ticketmaster breach (May 2024)

# Cybersecurity: Canada By The Numbers

- 16% Canadian companies affected by successful cyber attacks in 2023
  - 65% Canadian companies expect to be hit with a ransomware attack
  - **\$2M** Average ransomware cost for Canadian companies
- 64%+ Data breaches in Canada linked to phishing attacks.

# Cybersecurity risk in Retail: By The Numbers

**16%** of ransomware attacks targeted food and beverage retailers

58% of attacks that originated from phishing

79% involved ransomware

92% of credentials were stolen from brute-force attacks

70% of attacks on retail sector led to customer data theft



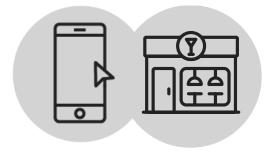
# Why Retail?



Customer Personally Identifiable Information (PII)



Financial Data



Hybrid brick and mortar & e-commerce



Implementation of new technologies

# Threat Detection

#### **Effective threat detection strategies**

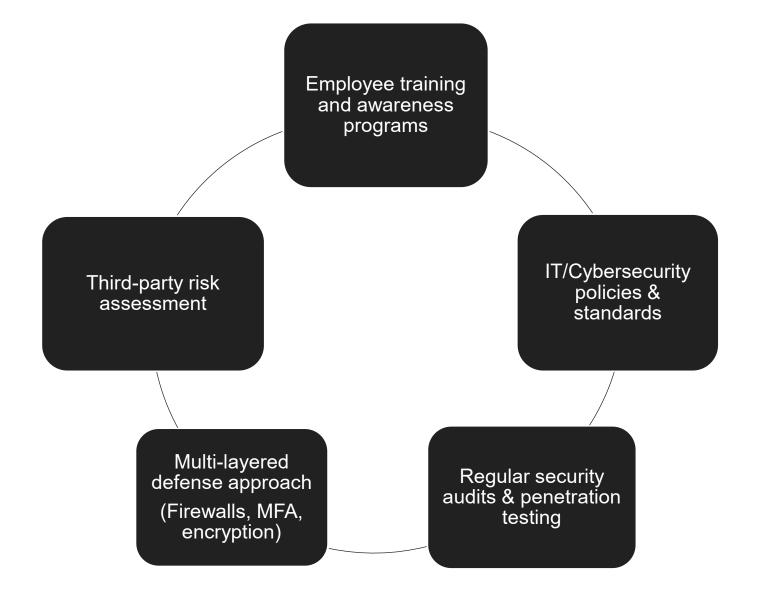
- Implement real-time monitoring systems
- Enable logging
- Leveraging AI/ML for anomaly detection
- Endpoint security and intrusion detection systems (IDS/IPS)

#### **Key Threat Indicators**

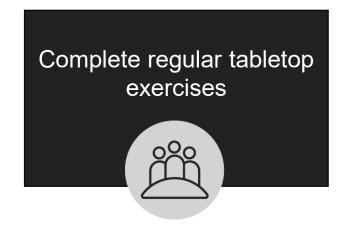
- Suspicious network traffic
- Unusual user behaviour
- Data exfiltration attempts

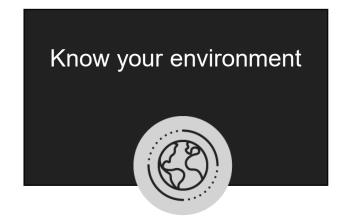


# Navigating & mitigating cyber risks

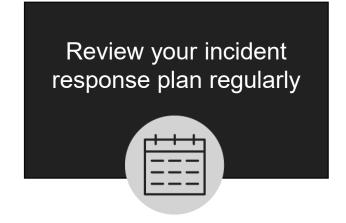


## Incident Response Planning















## Measuring the Impact of Cyber Incidents

Why impact measurement matters:



Financial loss



Brand reputation damage



Regulatory fines and legal implications



Reporting requirements

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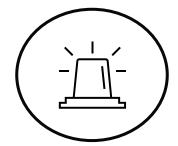
#### Metrics to measure impact



Downtime and recovery costs

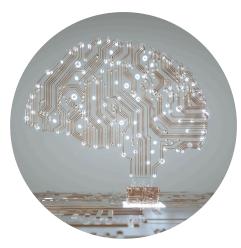


Number of records compromised



Identification of critical assets

# Emerging technologies



Artificial intelligence



Augmented & Virtual Reality



Smart checkout systems



Internet of Things (IoT)



Voice commerce

### Key takeaways & Recommendations

Understand your environment

Review your Incident Response Plan and cybersecurity policies

Complete business impact analysis

Invest in technology, but with security in mind

Stay up to date with cyber

Invest in people and training

