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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL CHAMPIONS SMALL BUSINESS PAYMENT SECURITY

- In support of National Small Business Week, PCI SSC offers webinar and free awareness training -

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 12 May, 2014— In support of [National Small Business Week](#), on Thursday 15 May the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), an open global forum for the development of payment card security standards, will host a webinar on basic security tips for small businesses to protect against payment card fraud. The Council will also offer free [PCI Awareness eLearning](#) training to the first 500 webinar registrants.

Data breach reports continue to point to small businesses as the most victimized of all companies and highlight that simple security measures such as changing passwords could have helped them avoid compromise. PCI's [What's Your Password? Security basics for small businesses](#) webinar will focus on tips and resources that small businesses can use to help protect against criminals sneaking into their systems and accessing valuable customer payment information. PCI Awareness eLearning training is a four-hour entry-level course to help businesses understand the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS).

This initiative is supported by a number of [resources](#) including fact sheets, infographics, training offerings and a dedicated website that the Council has worked on with its more than 700 global constituents to distribute and help drive greater understanding of payment security practices in the small business community.

“We understand that payment security is not top of mind for many of these companies. But when small businesses suffer a breach it keeps them from focusing on what they do best – running their business.” said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “We hope that through this initiative we can make them aware of some simple steps they can start with to help protect their customers' payment data and their business.”

To register for the *What's Your Password? Security basics for small businesses* webinar, please visit: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/webinars.php>

Interested in PCI resources for small businesses? Visit the PCI SMB microsite: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/smb/>

For more information on the Council's training programs, please visit: <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/index.php>

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard and Visa Inc., the Council has over 700 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: <http://pcisecuritystandards.org>.

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