DON'T LEAVE YOUR BUSINESS OPEN TO ATTACK

When your payment card data is breached, the fallout can strike quickly. Your customers lose trust in your ability to protect their personal information. They take their business elsewhere. There are potential financial penalties and damages from lawsuits, and your business may lose the ability to accept payment cards. A survey of 1,015 small and medium businesses found 60% of those breached close in six months. (NCSA)

Computer equipment and software out of the box often come with default (preset) passwords such as "password" or "admin," which are commonly known by hackers and are a frequent source of small merchant breaches.



of data breaches involve guessed or stolen passwords

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Software often has flaws or mistakes made by programmers when they wrote the code, also called security holes, bugs or vulnerabilities. Hackers exploit these mistakes to break into your computer and steal payment data.

Your data is vulnerable when it travels to your bank, and when it's kept or stored on your computers and devices.



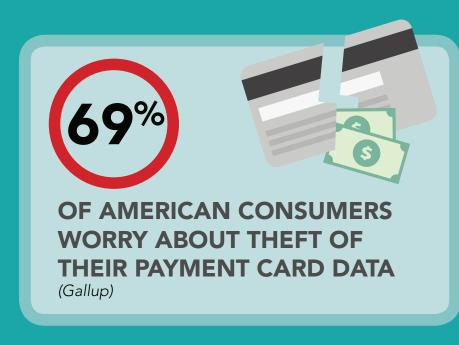




71%
OF HACKERS ATTACK BUSINESSES
WITH UNDER 100 EMPLOYEES
(Verizon 2012)

\$20,752

AVERAGE COST TO A SMALL BUSINESS DUE TO HACKING, UP FROM \$8,600 IN 2013 (NSBA)



Start protecting your business today with these security basics:



Use strong passwords and change default ones



Protect your card data and only store what you need



Inspect payment terminals for tampering



Install patches from your vendors



Use trusted business partners and know how to contact them



Protect in-house access to your card data



Don't give hackers easy access to your systems



Use anti-virus software



Scan for vulnerabilities and fix issues



Use secure payment terminals and solutions



Protect your business from the Internet



For the best protection, make your data useless to criminals



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