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Legally compliant through a cyber incident

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## What do we need to protect against?



- Loss of ability to work (provision of the service)
- Claims for damages (partners / suppliers / customers)
- Claims for damages GDPR
- Sanctions legal





Business E-Mail-Compromise (BEC)

Data Leakage (internal / external)

Financial Fraud / Payment Diversion

## > Overview— legally secure



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Decisions in times of crisis

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Dealing with the perpetrators

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Dealing with the authorities

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Dealing with insurance companies



Dealing with employees, suppliers, etc.



### **Decisions in times of crisis**

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#### Making documented decisions

- a) Obtain knowledge
- b) Weigh up / obtain expertise
- c) Make and document decision

02

#### Define decisionmaking competencies in advance

a) Guidelines for preparation b) Clear communication - Who is the decision-maker in the incident?

03

Establishment of a crisis team to maintain the flow of information

04

Documented decisions from the group are difficult to legally define as "wrong"

## Dealing with the perpetrators



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Define goals of communication with offenders

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Weighing up goals against risks

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"Support for criminal organizations"

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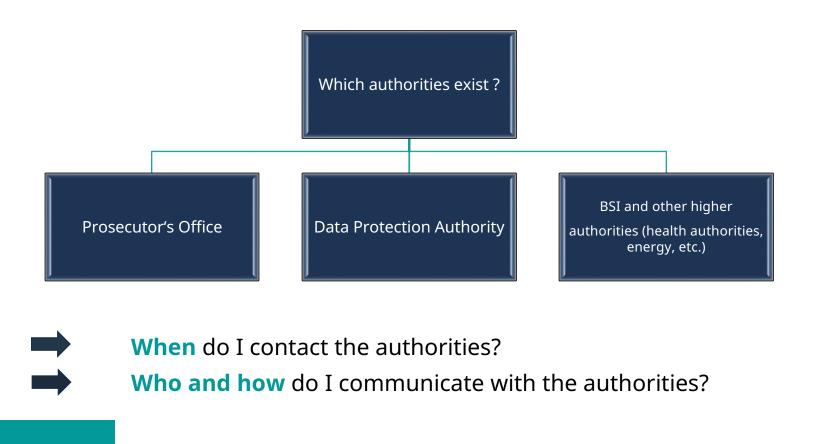
Consultation with the authorities on communication



Consultation with the insurer about communication









## Dealing with insurance companies



- Before the incident: Know what the insurance company expects from you
- Familiarize yourself with the emergency plan



 Get to know insurance conditions quickly



 Close contact with the insurance company if desired



 Business interests take precedence over insurance interests



## Dealing with employees, suppliers, etc.



Communication must be clear and consistent



Build up strategically / information in stages



Greatest possibility of damage



Transparent within the legal framework

- What contracts exist?
- Have obligations been dealt with?
- Do you know your contact persons?

## Preparation of an incident

1. Guidelines on the cyber incident procedure

- Competencies
- Determining the thresholds for incidents
- Minimum measures for the individual parts of the organization

2. Know your contracts

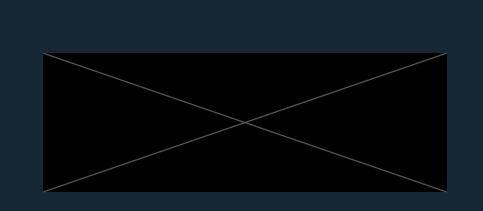
#### Contact IT security

- Special regulations (fixed contractual penalties / short deadlines / special features)
- Data protection contact

## Service provider in the incident

- Bring neutrality to the incident (not involved in set-up or operation)
- Expert analysis and assessment of the incident
- Mediation between the parties involved and support in finding a solution
- Documentation of the incident and preparation of an objective report
- Recommendation of measures for damage limitation and future prevention

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