### Exclusive Insight: THE FUTURE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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### A VOLATILE YEAR FOR EVERYONE

- Identity Fraud Cost U.S.: \$56 Billion
- COVID Fraud Loss: \$473 Million
- Records Compromised: 37 Billion (Year over year volume increase: 141%)
- Online Scam Losses: \$4.2 Billion (Complaints to FBI increase: 48%)
- Ransomware Attacks: 150% increase
- New US Ransomware Victims: 1 every 10 seconds
- Fraudulent Websites: 350% increase

### **RISE OF THE REMOTE WORKFORCE**

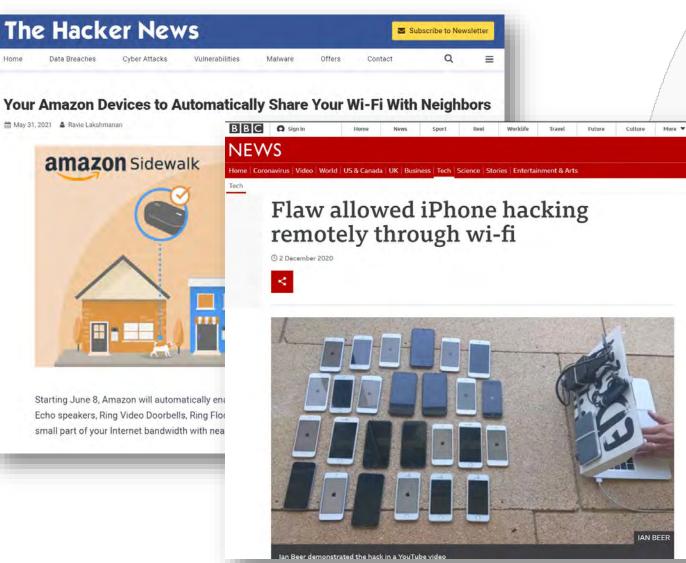
of organizations had employees work from home during the pandemic

SOURCE | Gartner

U.S. employees want to continue working remotely

SOURCE | Gallup

## THE PRICE OF CONVENIENCE



Security Professionals say personal devices pose the biggest wireless threat to companies

Security Professionals confident they can prevent a wireless/ Wi-Fi attack

SOURCE | 2020 Internet of Evil Things

4TH ANNUAL REPORT Published | June 2021

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL | BENEFIT BROKER SURVEY REPORT

## EXCLUSIVE

Feedback from **250+** Benefit Brokers & Advisors



## **A TRADITION OF PRIMARY RESEARCH**



"The rapid move to virtual has attracted increasingly sophisticated criminal activity in identity theft, ransomware, and cyber fraud."

### ACCESS ON THE GO



Mobile App Access to Benefits (91%) has become a table-stakes benefit, with clients reporting that having a mobile app is "very important" or "extremely important," increasing by 8% year over year.

**218B** New apps downloaded in 2020 alone **275%** Increase in time spent on business apps (Q4 2019 - Q4 2020)



SOURCE | App Annie State of Mobile

#### TELEMEDICINE: THE DOCTOR IS IN

#### 2021 How often do clients request the following progressive benefits?

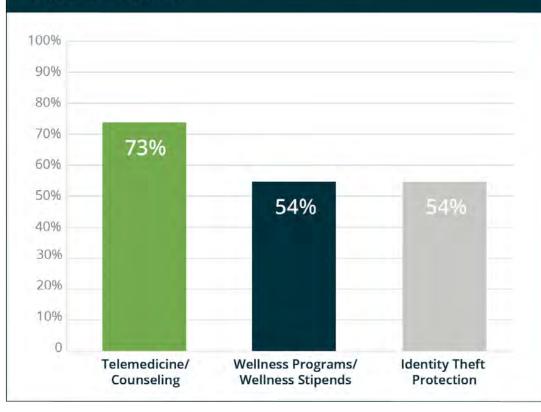


Figure 2 | The progressive benefits most requested by organizations



#### **EMPLOYEE WELLNESS REMAINS ON TOP**

2021 Which of the following issues have organizations expressed concern about in the past 12 months?

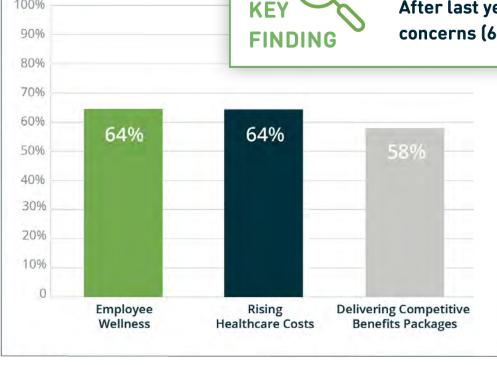


Figure 1 | The most pressing concerns expressed by HR and Benefits pros

After last year's rise to the top, Employee Wellness continued to lead employer concerns (64%), with Talent Shortages no longer a primary issue.



100%

# **IDENTITY THEFT & CYBER THREATS**

KEY N FINDING Digital security is a growing concern. For the third year in a row, more than half (54%) of clients are requesting Identity Theft Protection from their brokers. Cyber Threat Protection is being requested by 51% of broker clients.

## SPECIALIZED CYBER PROTECTION

#### **2021** What do organizations look for in an ID theft protection benefit?

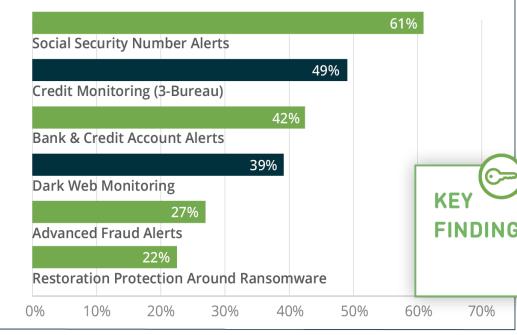


Figure 6 | Most requested identity theft protection features

# of consumers believe they can become a victim of ID theft or cybercrime at any moment

Organizations are broadening their expectations from identity theft protection, with Social Security number monitoring (61%) leapfrogging credit alerts (49%) as the top ID theft benefit request, and restoration protection around ransomware entering the list for the first time.

## EMPLOYEE RISK = EMPLOYER RISK

# 45%

#### of cybersecurity leaders have connected to *public* Wi-Fi without using a VPN

Source | Constella Intelligence

1/3 change password after a data breach

Source | Carnegie Mellon University's Security and Privacy Institute (CyLab)

EMPLOYEES KEEP YOU AT

48%

of employees don't consider security to be relevant to their role.

Make security a priority. CR-T

HOW YOUR

of security breaches are due to human error.



### DATA BREACHES AFFECT EVERYONE

- 1 in 3 breach victims suffers identity theft
- Breaches including sensitive PII: 80%
- Top 2021 data exposed:
  - Name: 96% (97% in 2020)
  - Date of Birth: 60% (49% in 2020)
  - Medical History: 48% (22% in 2020)
  - Home Address: 39% (54% in 2020)
  - Full SSN: 33% (41% in 2020)

## **EXPERT ASSISTANCE FOR BROKERS**

**2021** Is your firm equipped to assist a client in the event of a data breach?

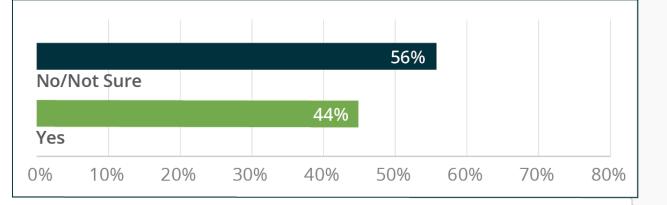


Figure 7 | Helping clients if employee or customer information is compromised

KEY FINDING

In the face of increasing cyberattacks and the outgrowth of many new types of online scams, less than half (44%) of benefit brokers say they are ready to help their clients handle a data breach.

# 51%

of organizations don't believe they're ready or would respond well to a cyber attack or breach event

SOURCE | FireEye



## **ACTIONABLE TIPS**

Protect ALL the identities you're responsible for

# **8 WAYS** TO SHUT DOWN HACKERS



- **1.** Update Software | Use anti-virus, anti-keylogging, anti-phishing, and other security software including mobile security and keep it updated.
- 2. Change Passwords | Keep them complex, unique, & change them regularly, and don't forget home devices like TVs, smart thermostats, or video doorbells.
- **3.** Don't Save Details | Turn off autocomplete, don't save payment details, and clear browsing history to keep information away from hackers if they do manage to breach your device.
- 4. Be Cautious of Links | Phishing emails lead to most data compromises if you're not expecting it, just delete it. Don't respond or "play" with the scammer, giving them confirmation your email is valid.

5. Safe Wi-Fi usage | Don't connect to public or unsecure wi-fi, and use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) especially on mobile devices.

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- **Two-factor authentication (2FA)** | Always use 2FA when it's available and if it's not, think twice about using that platform.
- Limit Personal Sharing | Play it casual on social, while gaming, even on professional networking sites to keep your details safe from scammers who may use social engineering tricks to break into your accounts or scam your friends.
- 8. Monitor Your Information | Monitor your credit, Social Security number, and personal information on the Dark Web, so you get early indicators of potential issues.

#### TO SECURE 5 WAYS **MOBILE DEVICES**



1. Keep network settings secure and password protected

Remote workers increase security risks for businesses; scammers are targeting employees through Business Email Compromise and spear phishing

#### 2. Don't duplicate your passwords

Use strong and unique passwords for every account so credential stuffing attacks are stopped in their tracks, and don't share passwords between personal and business accounts

#### 3. Protect ALL your devices

- Personal and work: smartphones, laptops, tablets, wireless printers,
- Plus: cars, appliances, fitness trackers and other wearables, lighting, healthcare, home security, any smart device connected to your network
- 4. Keep tabs on your apps privacy & security settings Especially apps running connected devices
- 5. Teach children to keep devices safe & secured

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#### TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY 4 STEPS **IF YOUR ID IS STOLEN**

#### 1. Start a Paper Trail

- Document all activity related to clearing your name
  Log phone calls by date, time, resolution status
  Create calendar with critical dates that must be met to report fraud

#### 2. File Reports

- Report the fraud directly to all companies involved
  Report identity theft to your local police
  Create identity theft report with FTC

#### 3. Monitor Transactions

- Close or freeze any impacted accounts to stop new activity
  Turn on transaction monitoring for any open accounts

#### 4. Control Your Credit

- Place fraud alerts and credit freezes with major credit bureaus
  Watch credit reports for suspicious activity and new account openings

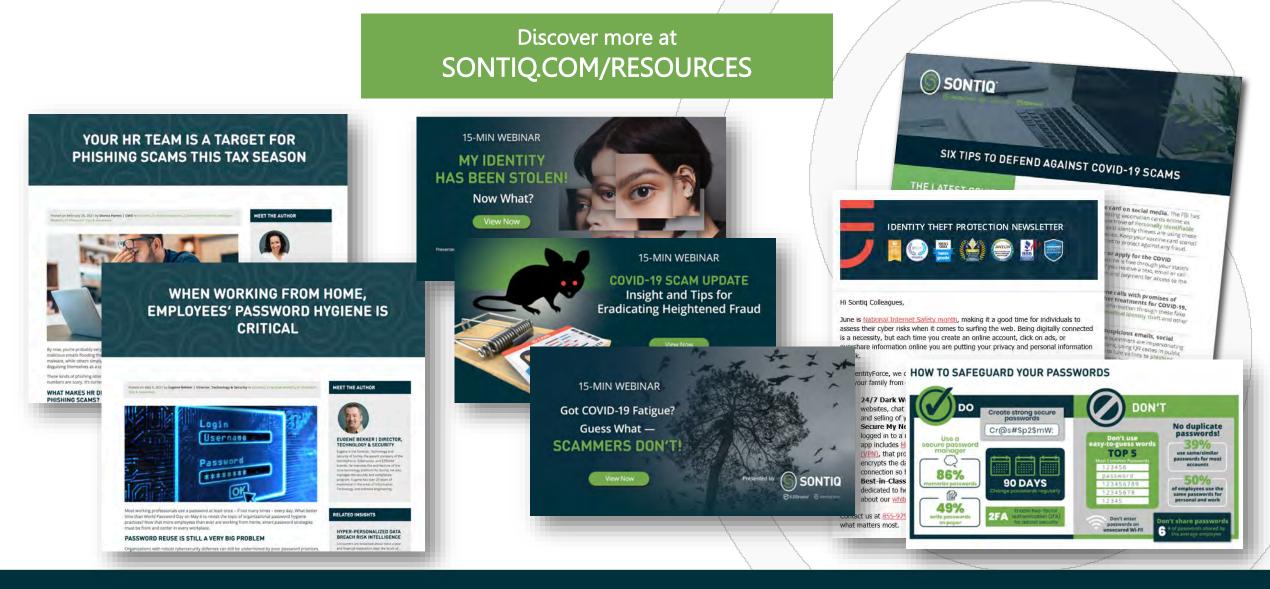
It can take 100-200 Hours and **6+ Months** of work to restore your identity after a single incident

#### YOU DON'T HAVE TO **DO IT ALONE**

**Consider Identity Theft Protection** with Restoration Services for your employees and their families



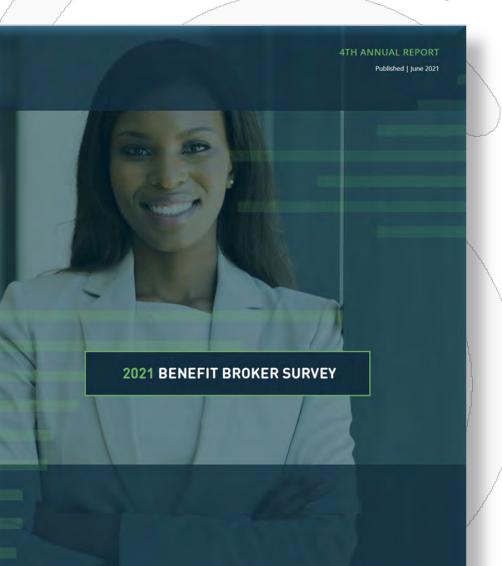
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