

Data leakage incidents up 22%: InfoWatch

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The number of data leak incidents around the world was up 22% in 2014 from the previous year, according to Russia-based data-protection company InfoWatch.

Sharing findings from its 2014 Global Data Leakage report, InfoWatch said it had recorded 1,395 cases of "confidential information leakage" in 2014, and claimed some 767m personal data records had been compromised in 2014, compared with 561m the previous year.

Some 92% of cases were related to personal data and 54% were attributed to the carelessness or culpability of company employees. However, only 1% of leaked data was the fault of senior executives at companies. Financial institutions, ISPs, retailers, and healthcare institutions were the main sources of personal data leaks.

In 2014, InfoWatch encountered 14 "mega-leaks", where incidents resulted in the exposure of over 10m personal data records. Such leaks accounted for 89% of all compromised data during the period under review.

"Our 2014 Global Data Leakage Report, and the wealth of data found within it, continue to shine light on the lack of sufficient data security measures being implemented globally," said Natalya Kaspersky, CEO, InfoWatch.

"The annual reports InfoWatch has released over the past decade aim to raise awareness of the realities faced by our evolving world of information technology, and proper awareness is an important first step towards reversing the trends permanently."

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