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In the quest to safeguard protected health information and comply with the HIPAA security rule, compliance officials shouldn't neglect to tap into free federal resources. In September, the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives and the Association for Executives in Healthcare Information Security updated just such a list, including Twitter accounts, group email lists, and websites that provide information about threats and related details.^[1] The following are among the suggestions:

- HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (or ASPR TRACIE) sends timely alerts on emergencies, including cyber threats and information sharing. Sign up for HHS alerts: <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/>. Twitter: [@ASPRgov](#).
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responds to incidents, analyzes data about emerging cyber threats and shares information with the industry. Sign up for alerts: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSUSCERT/subscriber/new>. DHS website: <https://www.cisa.gov/about-cisa>.
- The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) National Cybersecurity Assessments and Technical Services (NCATS) provides integrated threat intelligence and provides an objective third-party perspective on the current cybersecurity posture of the stakeholder's unclassified operational/business networks. There is no cost to use this service. Contact US-CERT: vulnerability_info@cisa.dhs.gov. Twitter: [@USCERT_gov](#).
- To report a cybersecurity incident, contact the FBI 24/7 Cyber Watch (CyWatch) at +1 855.292.3937 or by email at cywatch@fbi.gov and contact the local FBI field office at www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field.
- Visit the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov.
- Incidents can also be reported to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) at central@cisa.dhs.gov. CISA also accepts requests to provide incident response resources or technical assistance related to cyber threats.
- The CISA incident reporting system provides a secure web-enabled means of reporting computer security incidents to CISA. This system assists analysts in providing timely handling of your security incidents as well as the ability to conduct improved analysis. Provide as much information as you can to answer the questions to allow CISA to understand your incident. The online CISA Incident Reporting System is available at <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/forms/report>.
- The Secret Service has an Electronic Crimes Task Force. Those interested in their help can locate their field office by going to <https://www.secretservice.gov/contact/field-offices/> immediately to report a ransomware event and request assistance. These professionals work with state and local law enforcement and other federal and international partners to pursue cybercriminals globally and to assist victims of cybercrime.

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