Data Breaches Happen

IT'S NOT ALWAYS SOMEONE'S FAULT WHEN PRIVATE INFORMATION GOES ROGUE

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In the article "Data Breaches Happen" Usama Kahf addresses misconceptions regarding the liability against someone in the event of a data breach and the precautions one should take to prevent it from happening.

Usama said, "One of the most common misconceptions on data privacy with respect to the new internet of things, is that if a data breach occurs, there must be liability against somebody. But you know what? Data breaches happen to the best of us, they happen even if you do everything right and take every precaution technologically feasible; it still happens."

Despite great efforts made to prevent data breaches, they do occur. Post – breach actions can be weighed just as heavily as the measures taken to prevent it. Whether you are a small mom and pop company or a large franchise, there are best practices to follow that can prevent the release of secure information.

"Mistakes can happen to the best of us, but as long as you did everything in your power to try to prevent it, and it happened anyway, that's OK," Usama adds. "Then you would be judged on your post-breach actions. Even though it's not your fault, you still have to take certain actions to try to remedy or mitigate harm."

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