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White House urges corporate action on ransomware

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In a White House memo (<https://www.amwa.net/download/white-house-memo-ransomware-private-sector>) released last week, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technology Anne Neuberger urged corporate executives and business leaders to adopt a series of cybersecurity best practices to protect their organizations against ransomware. Among the recommended actions were segmenting networks, testing incident response plans, and adopting five practices from a recent Executive Order (<https://www.waterisac.org/portal/white-house-issues-executive-order-aimed-protecting-federal-government-networks-and-improving>) on securing federal government networks. The memo asserted that “strengthening our nation’s resilience from cyberattacks – both private and public sector – is a top priority of the President’s” and said, “The private sector also has a critical responsibility to protect against” ransomware.

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