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Cybersecurity Tip of The Week- 10/23/17

SONIC DRIVE-IN DATA BREACH

According to media reports published in late-September and early-October, the Sonic Drive-In data breach could lead to the theft of millions of credit and debit card numbers, due to the number of Sonic Drive-In locations operating in 45 U.S. states. Sonic posted information on its website, <https://www.sonicdrivein.com/-/notice-of-data-breach>, acknowledging that a malware attack was identified at some of its restaurants; however, a list of the affected locations is not available at this time. The company has posted multiple resources on its website and is offering free identity theft protection for potentially impacted cardholders.

As part of its ongoing investigation, Sonic is currently working with law enforcement and experienced third-party forensic firms. VISA has confirmed probable card data compromise at Sonic. MasterCard has not yet confirmed any compromise for this event.

As always, cardholders must remain diligent and monitor their accounts for unfamiliar payment activity, as this is the first line of defense in identifying fraudulent transactions. As with any card compromise, phishing scams may occur as fraudsters attempt to trick cardholders into providing missing identity or authentication information in order to facilitate additional fraud transactions.

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