



**Mistakes happen,
either learn from them or rinse and repeat!**

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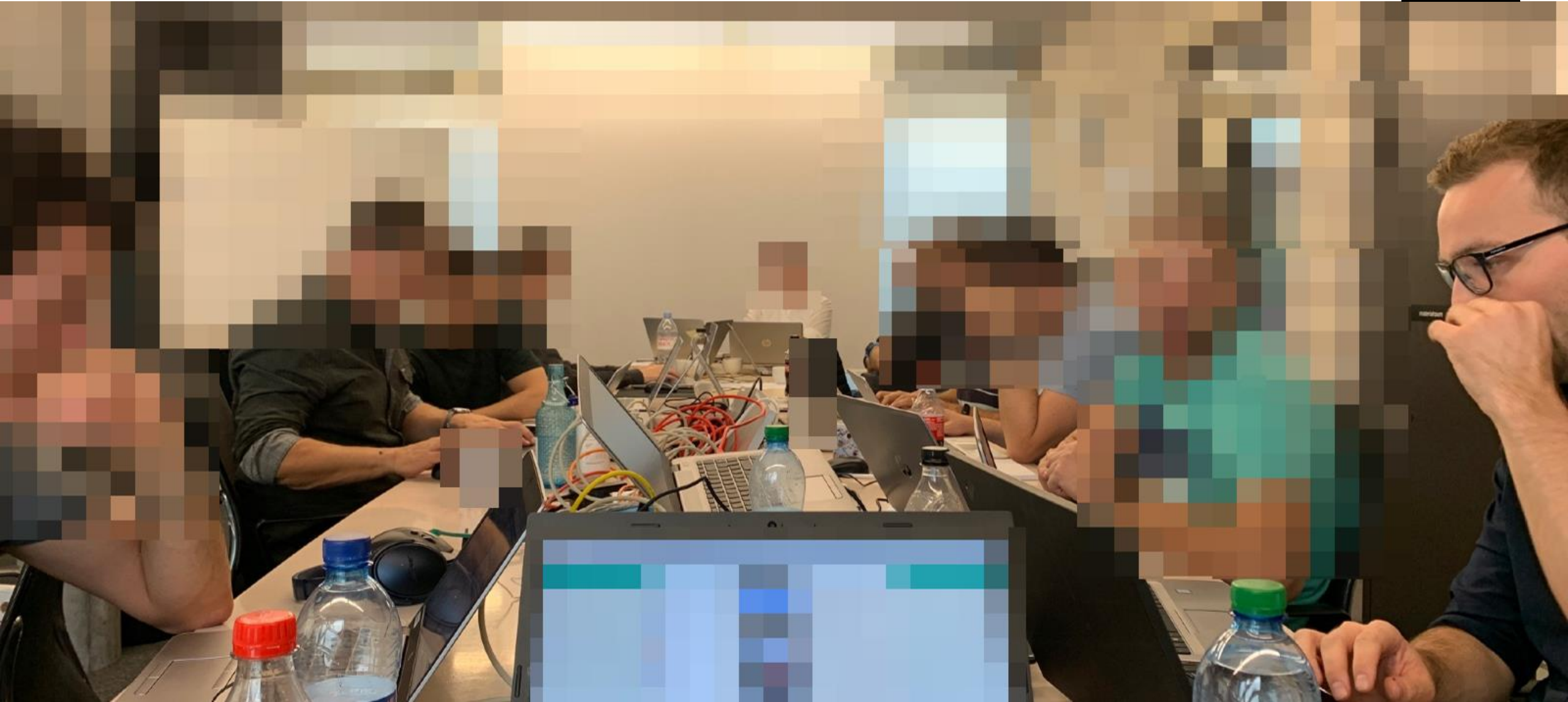
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Fun fact: I have three passports / citizenships
(I am not a spy)



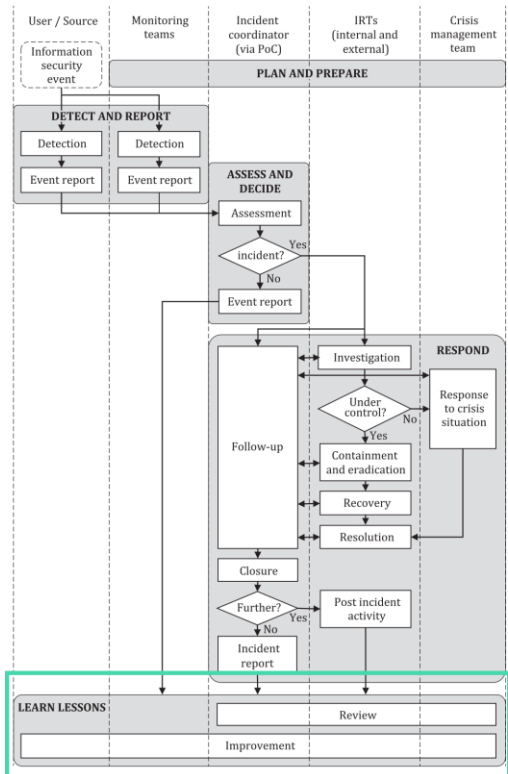
The following **lessons** are taken from our everyday life (responding to ransomware)

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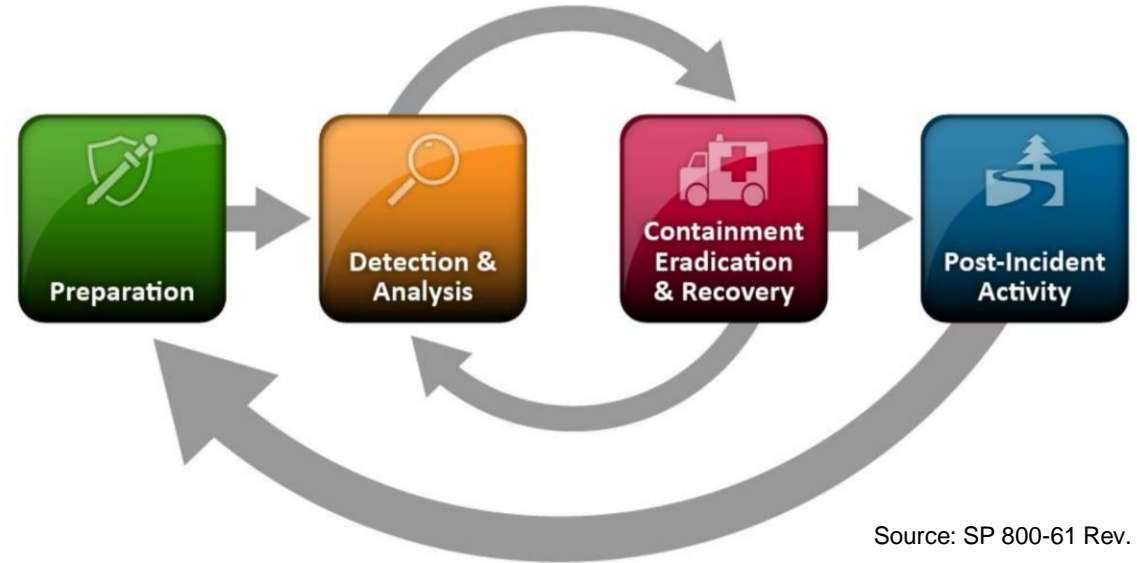


Failure is allowed if we learn from it

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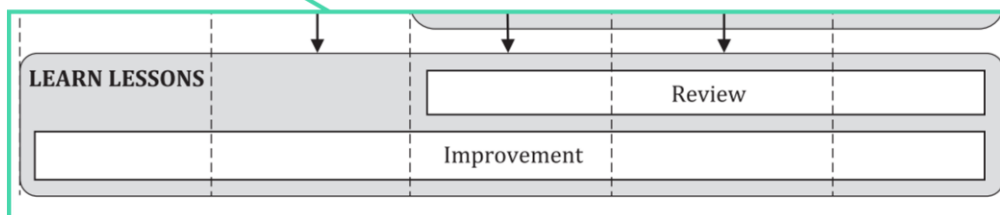


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Source: SP 800-61 Rev. 2

“One of the most important parts of incident response is also the most often omitted: learning and improving.”



Technical lessons learned

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How major incidents **feel** for most people



Your very first immediate measure: **Take a break** and drink some coffee/tea and relax

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The right tools are important. But **people** are the crucial factor

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Schedule for the week



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Einsatzplanung diese Woche

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DFIR is difficult

Especially under high pressure

Obvious, yet crucial to internalize

- ▶ We are humans
- ▶ Humans make mistakes
- ▶ We will make mistakes

Many find it difficult to accept this during their first major incident.

Assume 50% of staff operates at 50% of normal capacity.



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It's difficult for everyone

What kind of incident is it? Ask questions! Be nice.

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Why are you even trying?

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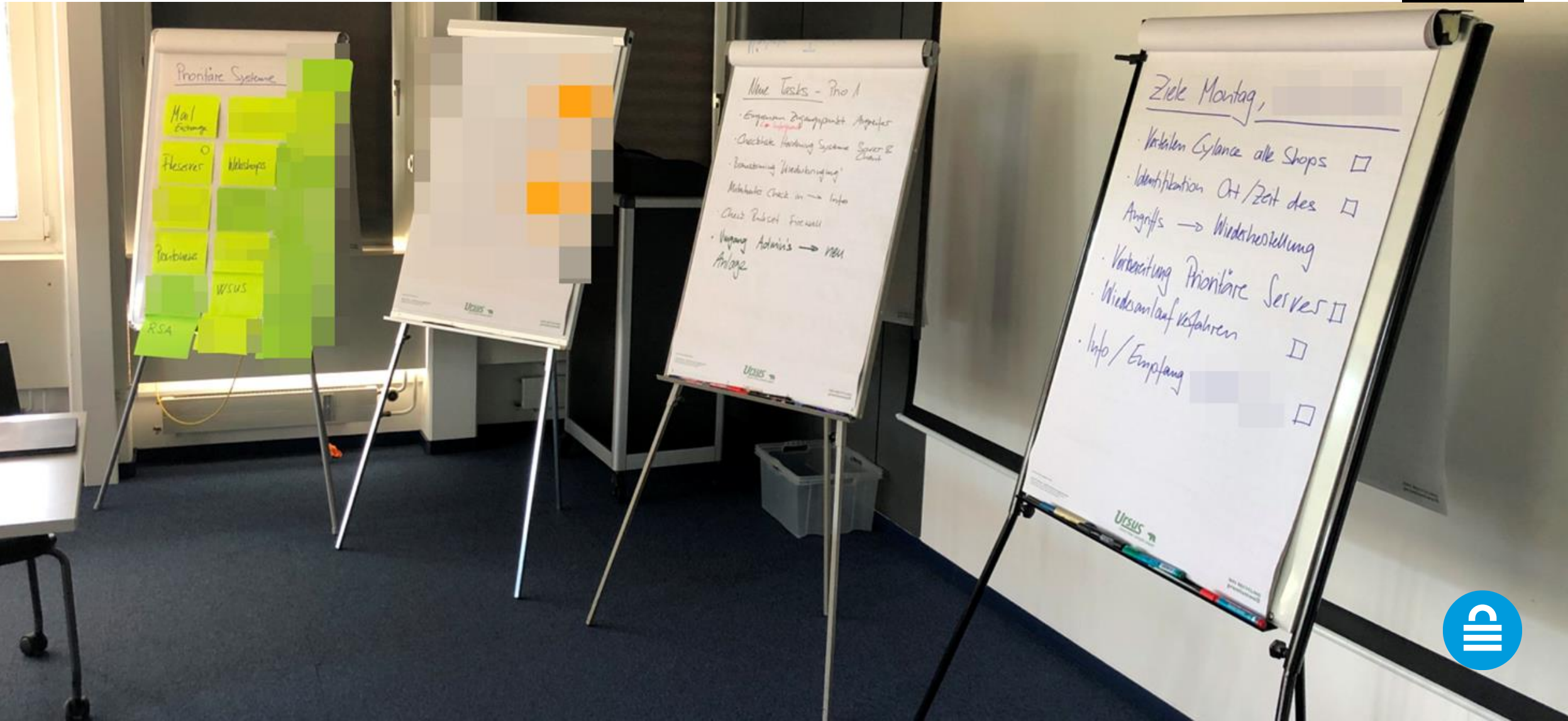
Be wary of digital tools. Pen & paper works amazingly well

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... to bring order to an incident

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Think in **smaller, more modular** playbooks

Don't overwhelm yourself with all-encompassing playbooks, e.g., *THE RANSOMWARE PLAYBOOK*.

Many forms of cyber incidents require the same response activities. You can prepare for this!

- ▶ Immediate measures when our gut tells us panic
- ▶ Reset passwords and other secrets



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Serious incidents **take their time**

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