FTC Release Privacy and Data Security Report for 2018

April 11, 2019 â€" The Federal Trade Commission has released its annual report on actions taken by the agency to protect consumer privacy and data security. The report details specific enforcement actions by the FTC, provides some detail on the rules the agency uses for enforcement and discusses resources that are available to the public to enforce their privacy rights.

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Among the actions highlighted in the report are the takedown and fine of a Nevada website known as MyEx.com. The site was used for revenge-porn. Disgruntled users could post sexually explicit videos and pictures of their ex-partners on the site. In some cases, personally identifiable information was also posted. Victims were charged as much as $2,800 to have their information removed from the site. The FTC fined the operators of the company more than $2 million and the State of Nevada obtained a court order to shut the site down permanently.

Other less tawdry actions included settlements with a variety of companies over everything from shutting down scams to deceptive advertising.

The report also highlights a variety of actions taken in the wake of data breaches; many of which were with well known companies. Uber and Venmo are included in those named.

The FTC is also responsible for violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Childrenâ€™s Online Privacy Protection Act and the Do Not Call Registry. The report details enforcement in all of these areas.

Anyone interested in reading through the report can find it here.
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