

## Health Information Compliance Alert

### Checklist: Follow 10 Critical Steps For An Effective Breach Response

**Remember to record breach incidents in your accounting of disclosures log.**

With several self-reported breaches leading to harsh **HHS Office for Civil Rights** (OCR) investigations that yielded large settlement payouts, you might be apprehensive about reporting breach incidents at all. But nevertheless, you still must report breaches so you don't end up in even bigger trouble down the road.

So what should you do when a breach or potential breach occurs? Some healthcare entities are still foggy on the proper steps to take. In a Nov. 9 report, attorney **Kim Stanger** of **Holland & Hart LLP** provided the following steps that you should take if a HIPAA breach or a suspected breach occurs:

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