



# ARTICLE 29 WORKING PARTY



Guidance for Organisations

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# **The Working Party on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data.**

## **Article 29 Working Party Guidelines on Personal Data Breach Notifications**

### **Guidelines on Personal Data Breach Notification under Regulation 2016/679**

'The General Data Protection Regulation (the GDPR) introduces the requirement for a personal data breach to be notified to the competent national supervisory authority (or in the case of a cross-border breach, to the lead authority) and, in certain cases, to communicate the breach to the individuals whose personal data have been affected by the breach.

The Article 29 Working Party (WP29) considers that the new notification requirement has a number of benefits.

Breach notification should be seen as a tool enhancing compliance in relation to the protection of personal data. At the same time, it should be noted that failure to report a breach to either an individual or a supervisory authority may mean that under Article 83 a possible sanction is applicable to the controller.'