

Not on board with cybersecurity?

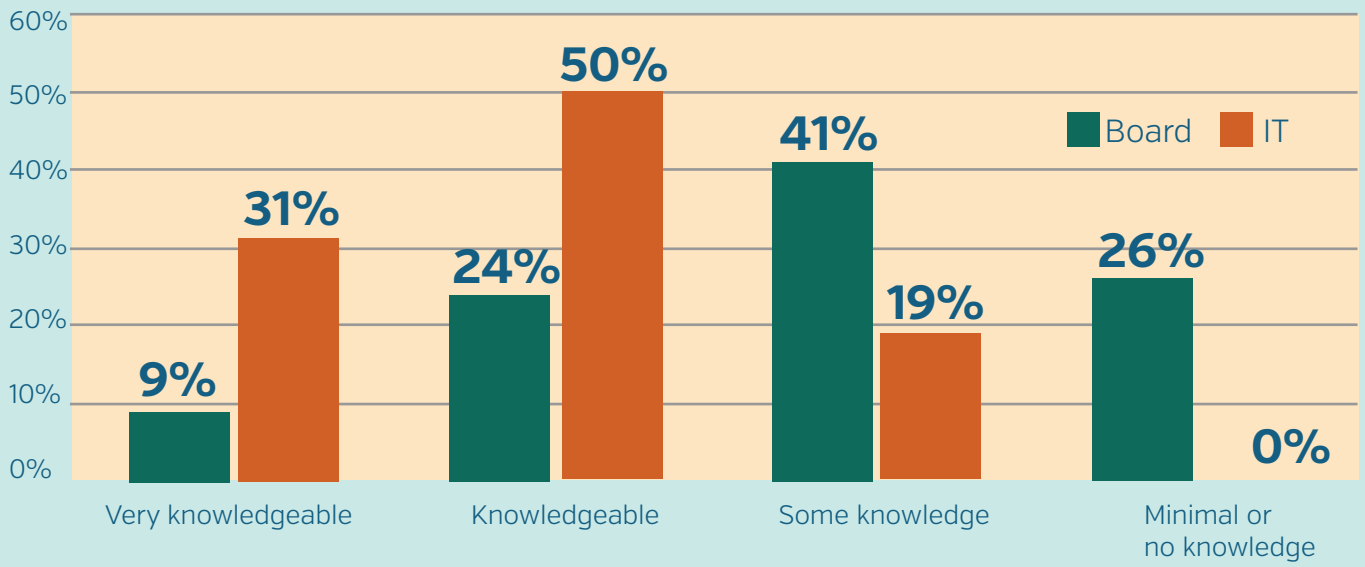
There's room at the top for needed knowledge

Despite an admitted lack of technical expertise, 59 percent of board members think their companies' cybersecurity practices are very effective, a survey by Fidelis Cybersecurity finds. However, only 18 percent of information technology security professionals agree.



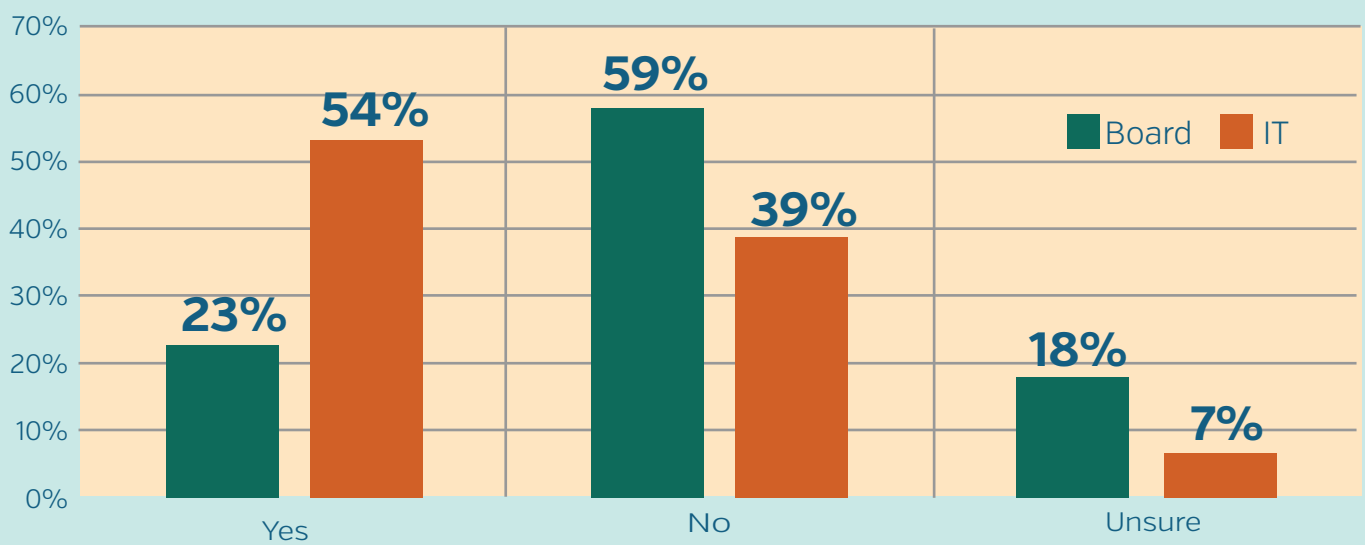
On a need-to-know basis

While 76 percent of boards of directors review or approve security strategy and incident response plans, 41 percent of members admit that they lack cybersecurity expertise and 26 percent said they have minimal or no knowledge of cybersecurity.



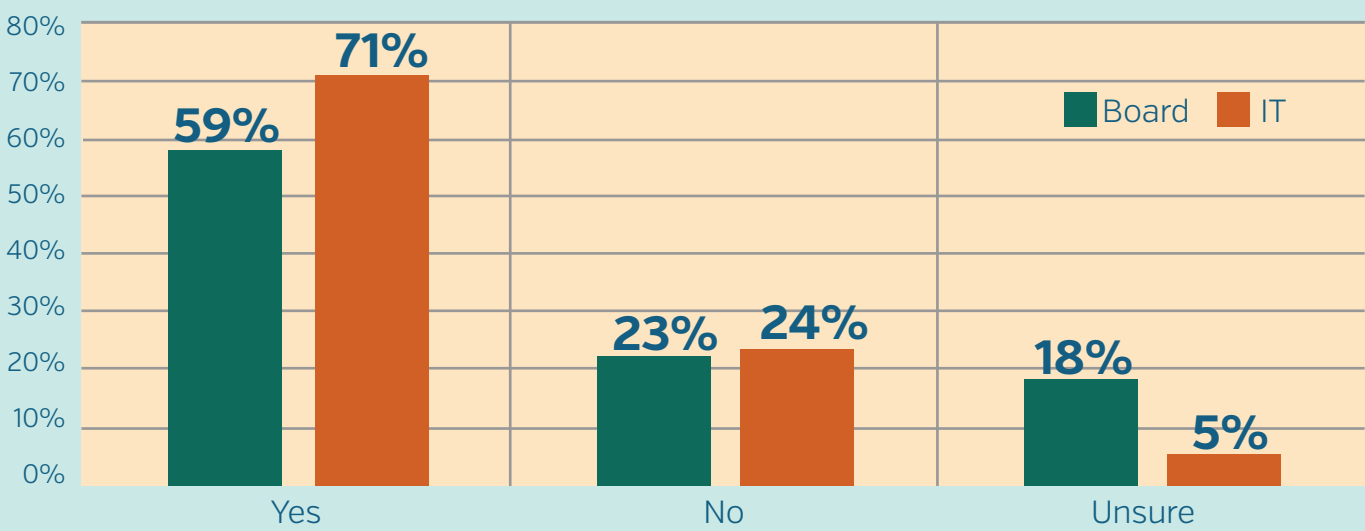
On the agenda, but not on the table

Although cybersecurity governance is on 65 percent of boards' agendas, most members are unaware if their organization has been breached. Although 54 percent of IT security professionals reported a breach involving the theft of high-value information in the past two years, only 23 percent of board members reported the same; 18 percent didn't know if their companies had been breached or not.



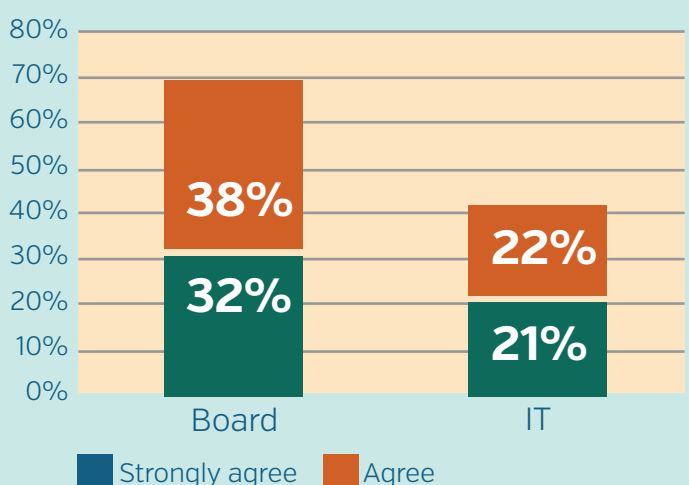
Differing priorities show

Only 18 percent of IT security professionals rate their cybersecurity governance practices as very effective, showing a gap in the thinking about what constitutes effective governance practices between board members in charge of overall company performance and those responsible for stopping data breaches and cyber attacks.



What they don't know can hurt us

The board's lack of knowledge has created a trust gap. Nearly 60 percent of IT security professionals think the board doesn't comprehend the organization's cybersecurity risks, compared with 70 percent of board members who think they do. Such issues lead to a breakdown of trust between the groups, hindering communications.



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