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The Real Cost of a Data Breach for a 50-Person Contractor

Canadian SMEs typically face breach costs between \$100,000 and \$500,000 — a range that can be an existential threat to a firm your size.

Where the cost actually comes from

The direct loss itself, weeks of lost productivity, specialists brought in to investigate, higher insurance premiums at renewal, and in some cases, client relationships that don't survive the disruption.

The actual comparison to make

Measured against that range, a properly run MDR and vCISO program isn't a cost center — it's closer to insurance you're already paying for indirectly, just without the coverage.

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