

# The Alarming Rise of Compromise in Image-Based Phishing Attacks

Image-based and QR code phishing attacks are on the rise, pressuring IT and security teams to rethink their phishing defense and email security stack. The recent Osterman report, Fortifying the Organization Against Image-Based and QR Code Attacks, reveals:

Emerging image-based and QR code phishing attacks bypassed email security defenses at



**75.8%**

of organizations have been compromised by image-based and QR code phishing attacks over the past 12 months.



Only

**5.5%**

of respondents claimed their email security stack was able to detect and block all such attacks from reaching users' inboxes in the past 12 months.

Image-based phishing attacks have **surged by 215% in the last 6 months**, according to IRONSCALES research.

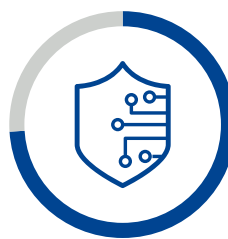
## Strategies to Addressing Emerging Phishing Attacks

More than 7 out of 10 respondents plan on taking proactive steps to enhance their current email security stack.



**79.2%**

deploy additional email security technologies that complement current email security stack



**73.7%**

sign up for managed services for email security (msp, mssp)



**73.7%**

change incident response processes to better handle QR code and image based attacks



**81.9%**

train users on emerging image based and QR code phishing attacks

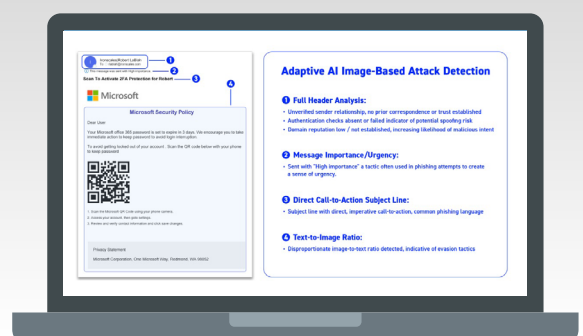


**72%**

replace current email security stack with new email security stack that is better designed to address modern and emerging phishing attacks

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### Safeguard Against Image-Based Phishing Attacks

Defend against the escalating challenge of QR code and image-based phishing. IRONSCALES leverages multi-modal, adaptive AI to protect your organization against quishing and imaged-based phishing threats.

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