

Weekly Intelligence Briefing

Week of November 17, 2025 · Profile: Financial Services, 25–50 employees, United States

Executive Summary

Three threats this week directly affect your profile. Ransomware activity targeting U.S. regional financial services is up 38% week-over-week, AWS announced an IAM-credential-exposure advisory affecting workloads similar to yours, and Stripe published a fraud-vector update for SMB merchants in your size band. Salesforce reported no material new exposures.

Top 5 threats this week

HIGH LockBit affiliate targeting U.S. regional banks under 100 employees

HIGH AWS IAM token-exposure advisory — rotate long-lived keys

MEDIUM Stripe — new card-testing fraud pattern hitting SMB merchants

MEDIUM CVE-2025-9981 — RCE in widely deployed file-transfer appliance

LOW Phishing campaign impersonating IRS notices to finance staff

Recommended actions

- Rotate any AWS long-lived access keys older than 90 days this week.
- Enable Stripe Radar rules for elevated card-testing patterns.
- Confirm offline, immutable backups for primary financial systems.
- Brief finance team on the current IRS-impersonation phishing template.

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