



# Anti-Abuse Report 2023 Q3

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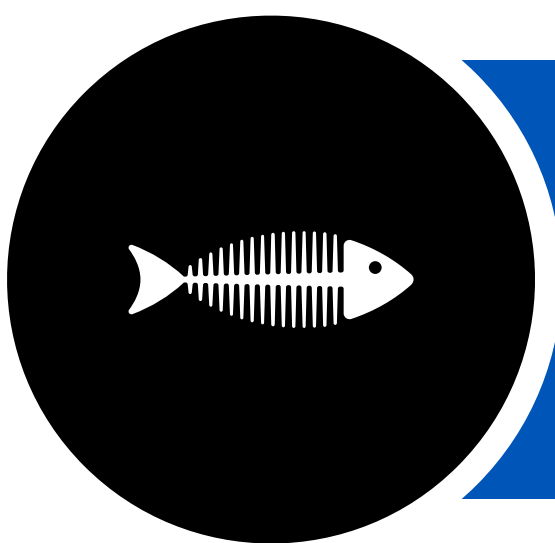
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Identity Digital is pleased to present its Anti-Abuse Report for Q3 2023. We believe this report is our opportunity to share important insights into our registry’s anti-abuse efforts. Identity Digital remains committed to ensuring we carry out our role as a registry operator as transparently as possible. We trust that our continued publication of these important statistics remains a vital component in us living up to that commitment.



## Abuse Cases Q3

Cases by abuse type	Cases (opened)	% of total cases
Phishing	3231	89.8
Spam (as a delivery mechanism)	52	1.4
Malware	165	4.6
Pharming	0	0.0
Botnet	0	0.0
Other	148	4.1

3,596

Cases Opened

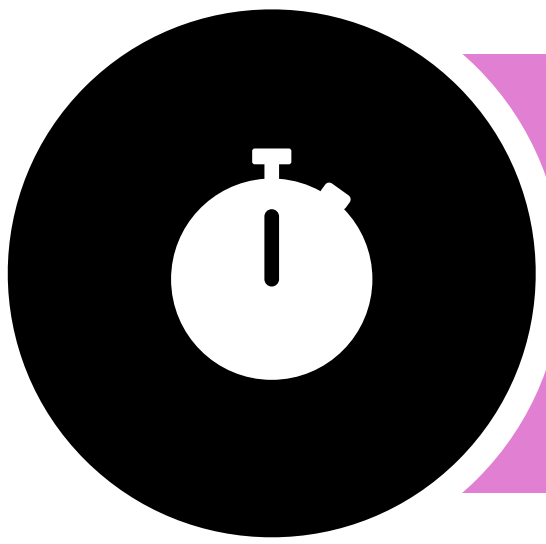
89.9%

Percentage of phishing cases (of total)

29.9%

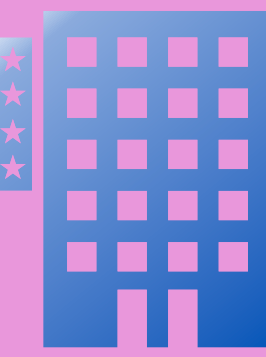
More cases opened in Q3 2023 vs Q2 2023





# Action Timeline Q3

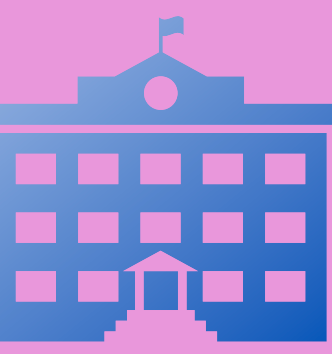
0hrs



Registrar took action **PRIOR** to registry escalation

620  
CASES

620  
DOMAINS




Registry took action **PRIOR** to registrar escalation (protective hold)

1484  
CASES

1486  
DOMAINS


24hrs



Registrant or third party remediation (e.g., compromise fix, hosting etc.)

428  
CASES

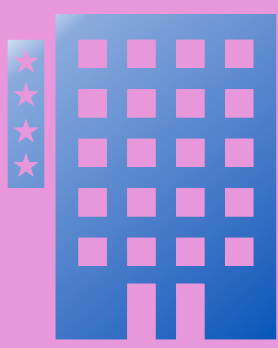
605  
DOMAINS



Registrar response provided reasonable explanation (no further action taken)

211  
CASES

282  
DOMAINS




Registrar took action **POST** registry escalation

414  
CASES

445  
DOMAINS


72hrs



Registry took action **POST** registrar escalation

313  
CASES

3259  
DOMAINS



Compromised / Platform (registry intervention deemed inappropriate)

124  
CASES

124  
DOMAINS

3,594  
Cases Closed\*

6,821  
Unique domains affected (Closed)\*\*

1,486  
Domains placed on protective holds (within 24 hrs of report)

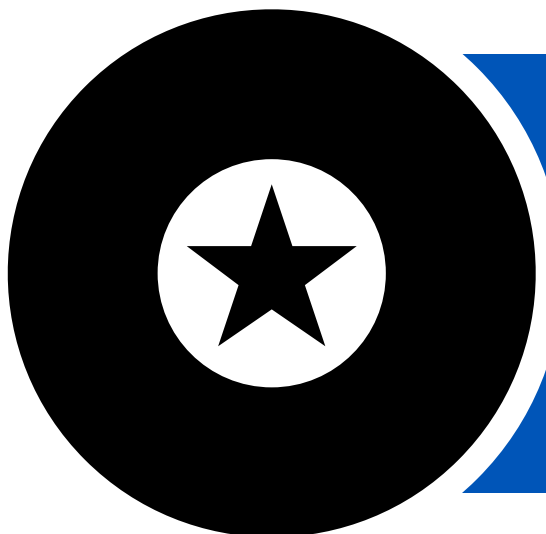
0.06%  
Of all Identity Digital domains

3,779  
Fewer unique domains escalated vs. Q2, 23

\* Statistics for “cases opened” vs. “cases closed” can ordinarily differ in the same measurement

\*\* Cases often contain multiple domains in a single escalation





# Trusted Notifiers



Identity Digital considers reports made to it via a number of avenues; however, there is a small category of reporters we consider “Trusted Notifiers.”

Generally these are organizations with whom we have an active, formal relationship. For more information on “trusted notifiers” in general please see the [Contracted Party House Trusted Notifier Framework](#).

Although each Trusted Notifier relationship is subjective and unique, the formal arrangements establish accepted standards of due process, including evidential expectations, due diligence requirements, and ensuring reports are being made to more appropriate and proximate service providers, prior to the registry being asked to intervene.

Identity Digital currently maintains formal trusted notifier relationships with:

**Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)**

The IWF securely provides us with reports of URLs using Identity Digital domains, which have been verified and confirmed as being used to access Child Sexual Abuse Material.

**Motion Picture Association (MPA)**

**Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA)**

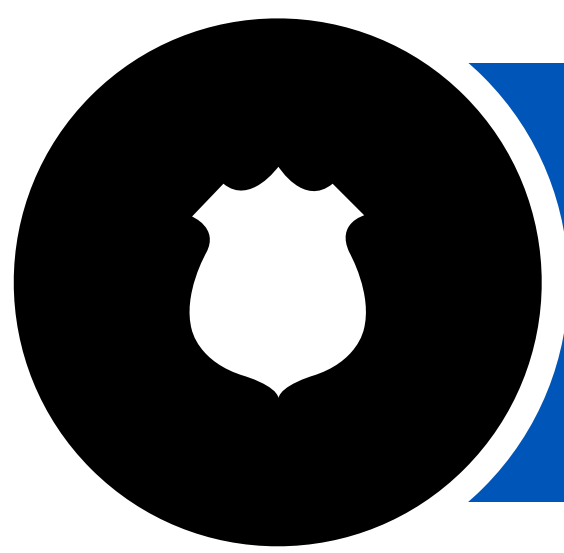
Identity Digital receives reports of domains associated with pervasive and patently apparent copyright infringement. All reports must come with clear evidence of this pervasive infringement, and all reports must have already been made to the more proximate and appropriate service providers, such that any consideration of the registry is appropriate at that time.

In the third quarter of 2023, we actioned the following reports:

		IWF	MPA	RIAA
Unique domains affected		74	5	0
Domains suspended	Registrar	20	0	0
	Registry	6	5	0
Remediated (confirmed by registrar)		38	0	0
Closed / remediated other		10	0	0

If you would like to discuss a potential trusted notifier relationship with Identity Digital, please contact us at [compliance@identity.digital](mailto:compliance@identity.digital)





## Law Enforcement Authority (LEA) Requests Q3

In addition to Trusted Notifiers, Identity Digital also works directly with various law enforcement authorities to help mitigate or eliminate DNS Abuse. Law enforcement requests come in broadly three forms, including judicial orders, administrative orders, and requests for information on the registrants directly. Like other cases, Identity Digital reviews each LEA request independently. Interestingly, Identity Digital did not receive any reports which were an ‘LEA Request’ during Q3 of 2023.

0

Received  
Requests\*

0

Actioned  
Request

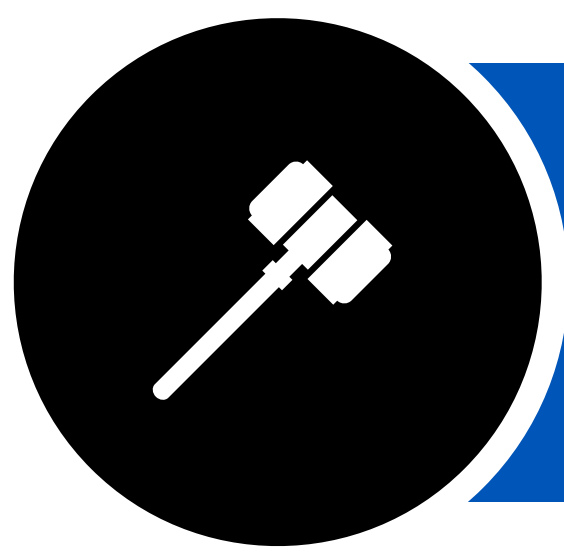
0

Declined  
Requests

0

Affected  
Domains

\* Note: Requests for disclosure of registrant information by LEA are not included here. These are included, if any, in the “Disclosure” section below.



## Court Orders Q3

This category contemplates orders we have received from courts of suitable jurisdiction, directing the Registry to take specific actions such as suspension or transferring domains to different registrars.

2

Valid Court  
Orders Received

4

Affected  
Domains

0

Suspended  
Domains

4

Transferred  
Domains



## Data Disclosure Requests

<https://identity.digital/policies/whois-layered-access/>

We favor a system that supports freedom of expression, predictability, and safety for the data of all our registrars and their registrant customers, regardless of physical location and whether those persons may enjoy strong legal protections in their home country.

We review each request received and only disclose the requested information where such disclosures are justified, necessary, proportional, and in line with our legal obligations. The following table display both the number of disclosure requests received by the registry, as well as the closure reason for requests received during the third quarter of 2023.

Of note we continue to receive a number disclosure requests each quarter that are either spam, or simple relate to TLDs not administered by our registry.

Overview	17	6	0	11
	Affected Domains	No Data Processed*	Decision to Disclose	Final Decisions to Not Disclose
Category of Data Disclosure Requests Received	Intellectual Property Related	0		
	Law Enforcement Request	1		
	Domain Purchase – domain does not exist	6		
	Not a valid disclosure request (No actual valid request made / unconnected to domains / spam)	4		
	Incomplete / Incorrect (Incomplete form, missing information, wrong registry etc.)	6		

\* Underlying registrant data not reviewed as request was not complete / no valid legal basis established



