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What small businesses don't know about their website can hurt them.

In a new study by [Newtek Business Services](#), [The Small Business Authority](#), 56 percent of business owners said they did not have a fear of cyber-attacks. In a separate question, 40 percent of respondents said they have scanned their website for security vulnerabilities in the last 12 months.

The SB Authority Market Sentiment Survey is a monthly window into the concerns of independent business owners, and polled more than 2,100 businesses in May.

The full May 2013 results showed the following:

Do you have a fear of cyber-attacks?

- Yes: 44%
- No: 56%

Has your website been scanned for security vulnerabilities in the last 12 months?

- Yes: 40%
- No: 35%
- Not Sure: 25%

“Despite the fact that cyber-attacks and the threat of this activity have grown in recent years within the U.S. economy, a majority of our small business owners are still not afraid,” said Barry Sloane, Chairman, President and CEO of The Small Business Authority.

“The concept of fear can be viewed in two ways: the actual fear of being attacked, or

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firewalls and cyber-security.”

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