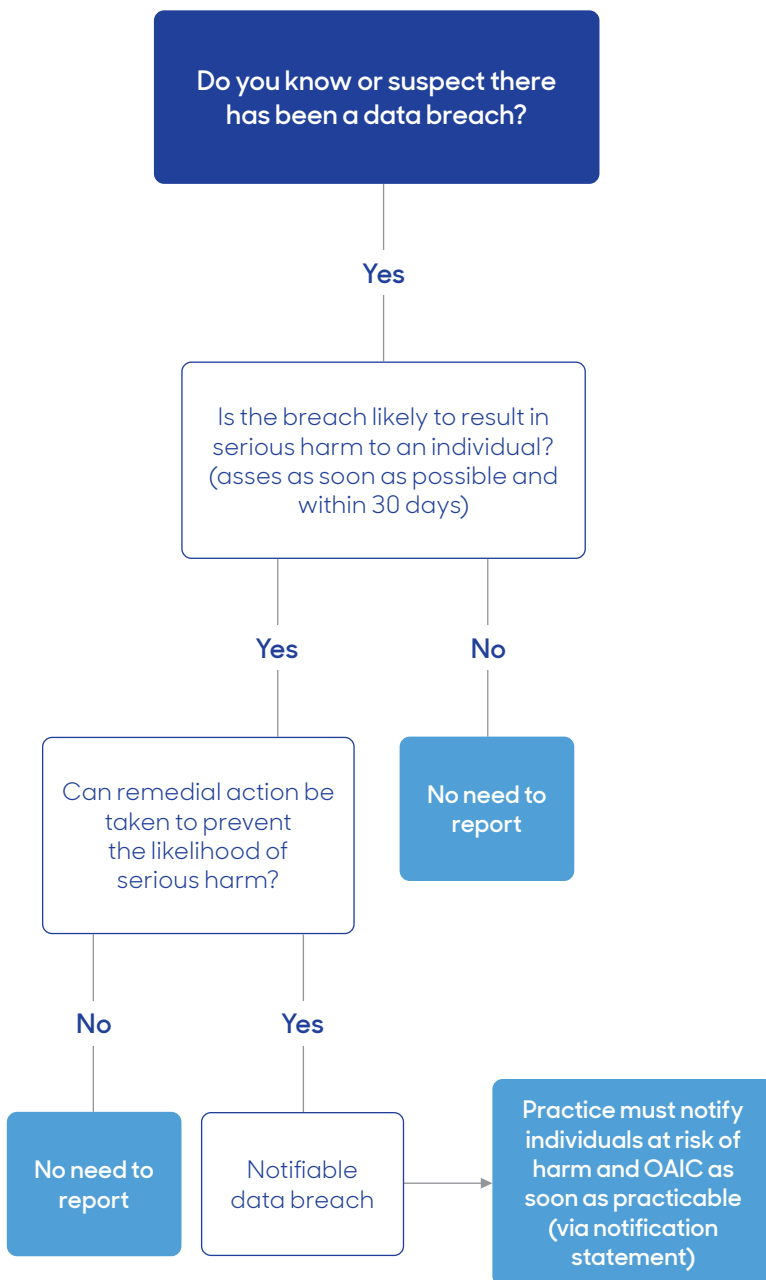


# Notifiable data breach

Organisations covered by the Privacy Act 1988 are required to notify individuals likely to be at risk of serious harm because of a data breach, and to notify the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.



### A data breach is:

- Unauthorised access to or unauthorised disclosure of personal information or
- Lost personal information and likely unauthorised access or disclosure

### Likely to result in serious harm

Consider:

- Type of information and sensitivity
- Protections in place to prevent disclosure
- Persons who have obtained or could obtain data
- Nature of harm and number of people affected

Serious harm can be psychological, emotional, physical, reputational or financial.

### Notification statement

Must include:

- Identity and contact details of practice
- Description of data breach
- Kind of information involved
- Recommendation about steps to take in response to breach