

# WH Smith targeted by cyber attack with hackers accessing company data

WH Smith has said it has been the target of a cyber attack that has seen hackers access company data.

The high street retailer added hackers have also been able to access current and former employee information.

It said the hack has not impacted its trading activities and stressed its website, customer accounts and customer databases are on unaffected separate systems.

WH Smith said: "Upon becoming aware of the incident, we immediately launched an investigation, engaged specialist support services and implemented our incident response plans, which included notifying the relevant authorities."

It added: "WH Smith takes the issue of cyber security extremely seriously and investigations into the incident are ongoing.

"We are notifying all affected colleagues and have put measures in place to support them."

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The incident comes amid a wave of cyber attacks in recent months, with Royal Mail's international postal service suffering lengthy disruption after hackers targeted the group.

Retailer JD Sports also warned in January that around 10

million people might have had their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses stolen – among other things – in a hack.

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