

Staples investigating possible data breach

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In this Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, file photo, customers enter Staples office supply store in Miami. Staples on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 said it is looking into a potential credit card data breach and has been in touch with law enforcement officials about the issue. (AP Photo/ Lynne Sladky, File)

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The office supplies retailer said Tuesday that if it turns up any data discrepancies during its investigation, customers won't be responsible for fraudulent activity on their [credit cards](#) as long as it is reported in a

timely manner.

"We take the protection of customer information very seriously, and are working to resolve the situation," spokesman Mark Cautela said in a statement.

Earlier this month Sears Holdings Corp. reported a breach at its Kmart stores that started last month, saying some customers' credit and [debit cards](#) may have been compromised. Other breaches have occurred at retailers including Target Corp., Supervalu Inc. and Home Depot Inc..

Shares of Staples Inc., based in Framingham, Massachusetts, slipped 3 cents to \$12.27 in midday trading. Its shares have fallen 23 percent over the past year.

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