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NMRC has had a number of vendors ask about our methods for gathering information and disclosing bugs. So we are formalizing things into this policy to point the vendors at something.

If we find a security flaw, hole, or bug in software, we will first work to verify the basics surrounding said problem. Once we have done that, we will contact the vendor with enough technical details to reproduce the problem, and might supply source code for an exploit if it seems appropriate.

If the problem is considered a very high priority problem, we will give the vendor a month's notice before we go public. Otherwise they have a week to respond.

We will certainly alter this timetable if the problem is actively being exploited, if it was previously reported to the vendor, or if independently discovered by another person who publicizes the information.

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