



Common Controls

Operational Procedures



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Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A)• NIST CSF: ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2, ID.AM-3, ID.AM-4	Other Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A)• NIST CSF: ID.AM-1, ID.AM-2, ID.AM-3, ID.AM-4• EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)• UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)
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Description

Establish and maintain inventories of organizational systems (including hardware, hardware, portable media, mobile devices, industrial control systems, physical security systems, software, cloud services, and firmware) throughout the respective system development life cycles.

Guidance

Automatically or manually identify and locate all hardware, hardware, portable media, mobile devices, industrial control systems, physical security systems, software, cloud services, and firmware. Create reports and update as required.

Procedure

- Use automated tools to identify, locate, and document all PCs, laptops, and servers, including virtual and cloud-based platforms, and identify what data is stored on each.
- Use manual methods, including interviewing users, to identify and locate all PCs, laptops, servers, mobile devices, portable media, cloud services, network devices, printers, and other network-enabled devices, and identify what data is stored on each.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

Failure to comply with this or any other security policy will result in disciplinary actions as per the Sanction Policy. Legal actions also may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

CC1.2 - Data Locations

Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) NIST CSF: ID.AM-3 	Other Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A) NIST CSF: ID.AM-3 EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1) UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)
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Description

Locate and identify all organizational data, including data stored on local devices, mobile devices, servers, mass storage, portable media, and cloud platforms.

Guidance

Automatically or manually identify and locate all business data on computers, laptops, servers, storage systems, portable media, cloud services, and mobile devices (smartphones and tablets).

Procedure

- Use automated tools to identify and locate all PCs, laptops, servers, mobile devices, cloud services, network devices, printers, and other network-enabled devices, and identify what data is stored on each.
- Use manual methods, including interviewing users, to identify and locate all PCs, laptops, servers, mobile devices, cloud services, network devices, printers, and other network-enabled devices, and identify what data is stored on each.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC1.3 - Data Flow Mapping

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A)
- NIST CSF: ID.AM-3

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(A)
- NIST CSF: ID.AM-3
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)

Description

Create a map of how data flows within and in/out of the organization.

Guidance

Create a map of how data flows within the organization, and in/out of the organization. This needs to cover all business data, and cannot be automated. Mapping data flows requires information from individual departments and users. It is easy to map data flows for organizational systems and platforms shared by all users. It takes questionnaires and interviews to understand how data flows to outside vendors, funding sources, partners, clients, payroll services, consultants, mailing houses, agencies, etc.

Procedure

- Manually work with each department manager and internal Subject Matter Experts to identify how data flows within, and into and out of, the organization, This is often the most critical part of a Business Continuity Business Impact Analysis.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC1.4 - Data Flow Management

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B)
- CMMC 2.0 - Level 2: AC.L2-3.1.3

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(1)(ii)(B)
- CMMC 2.0 - Level 2: AC.L2-3.1.3
- NIST 800-171: 3.1.3
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)

Description

Ensure that a baseline of network operations and expected data flows for users and systems is established and managed.

Guidance

Data flow management includes the design of networks and storage systems, limiting users to being able to access only the data and resources they need for their jobs. After the initial implementation, it is important to periodically review data flows to ensure unauthorized changes have not been made.

Procedure

- There should be two sets of network diagrams - logical and physical. A logical diagram identifies devices and aligns them to an organizational process or function. A physical diagram identifies the location of each device, including virtual systems and cloud services. All systems must be configured to provide expected data flows and limit access to authorized users only.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC1.5 - Baseline Configurations

Requirements

- CMMC 2.0 - Level 2: CM.L2-3.4.1
- NIST CSF: PR.IP-1, DE.AE-1

Other Requirements

- CMMC 2.0 - Level 2: CM.L2-3.4.1
- NIST 800-171: 3.4.1
- NIST CSF: PR.IP-1, DE.AE-1
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 24(1)

Description

Establish and maintain baseline configurations of organizational systems (including hardware, portable media, mobile devices, industrial control systems, physical security systems, software, cloud services, firmware, and reporting requirements) throughout the respective system development life cycles.

Guidance

Document approved baseline configurations for all hardware, portable media, mobile devices, industrial control systems, physical security systems, software, cloud services, firmware, and reporting requirements.

Procedure

- Ensure baselines based on all requirements are documented for all PCs, laptops, servers, portable media, mobile devices, industrial control systems, physical security systems, software, cloud services, firmware, and reporting requirements.
- Implement best practice cybersecurity recommendations from manufacturers, government agencies including NIST, and recognized security authorities.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.1 - Organization's Supply Chain Role

Requirements

- NIST CSF: ID.BE-1

Other Requirements

- NIST CSF: ID.BE-1

Description

Identify and communicate the organization's role in the supply chain.

Guidance

Identifying your role in the supply chain will help with planning cybersecurity and business continuity programs. Many times organizations play multiple roles in the supply chain, as vendors and service providers and as receivers of products and services required to deliver services.

Procedure

- Define your organization's role in relation to the people you serve, and how your organization is served by others.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

Failure to comply with this or any other security policy will result in disciplinary actions as per the Sanction Policy. Legal actions also may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

CC2.2 - Organization's Critical Infrastructure Role

Requirements

- NIST CSF: ID.BE-2

Other Requirements

- NIST CSF: ID.BE-2

Description

Identify and communicate the organization's role in critical infrastructure.

Guidance

Identifying your role in critical infrastructure will help with planning cybersecurity and business continuity programs. The following business sectors are recognized by the federal government as critical to people's personal safety and everyday life requirements: Chemical Commercial Facilities Communications Critical Infrastructure During COVID-19 Critical Manufacturing Dams Defense Industrial Base Emergency Services Energy Financial Services Food and Agriculture Government Facilities Healthcare and Public Health Information Technology Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector-Specific Agencies Transportation Systems Water and Wastewater Systems

Procedure

- Document your organization's role(s) in one or more of the critical infrastructure categories.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

Failure to comply with this or any other security policy will result in disciplinary actions as per the Sanction Policy. Legal actions also may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

CC2.3 - Security Official

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(2)

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(2)
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 37, Article 37(1)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 37, Article 37(1)

Description

Identify the security official who is responsible for the development and implementation of the security policies and procedures.

Guidance

This is the individual responsible for evaluating solutions and selecting and implementing those that best meet the organization's requirement. Policies should refer to this person's responsibility for implementing procedures to support the policies.

Procedure

- Appoint a specific individual to take responsibility for identifying processes and tools that will be used to support the organization's cybersecurity policies.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.4 - Workforce Cybersecurity Roles & Responsibilities

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)
- NIST CSF: ID.AM-6

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)
- NIST CSF: ID.AM-6
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 39, Article 39(1)(a)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 39, Article 39(1)(a)

Description

Establish and document cybersecurity roles and responsibilities within the workforce.

Guidance

All workforce members have cybersecurity responsibilities, from basic users not clicking on malicious links, to data owners responsible for access decisions, to IT responsible for implementing controls, and executives responsible for providing resources and supporting the cybersecurity program.

Procedure

- Work with department heads and Subject Matter Experts to determine the roles of each user, and document how each role should take responsibility for the protection of organizational data. These must align with all compliance requirements.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.5 - Third-Party Cybersecurity Roles & Responsibilities

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 32(4), Article 39, Article 39(1)(a)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 32(4), Article 39, Article 39(1)(a)

Description

Establish and document cybersecurity roles and responsibilities with third-party stakeholders.

Guidance

Third-parties can refer to vendors, suppliers, software developers, funding sources, clients, etc. It is important to document cybersecurity roles and responsibilities, especially in situations where multiple organizations have shared responsibilities to protect data and comply with requirements.

Procedure

- Work with department heads and Subject Matter Experts to determine the cybersecurity roles of each third-party vendor, and document how each vendor should take responsibility for the protection of organizational data. These must align with all compliance requirements.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

Failure to comply with this or any other security policy will result in disciplinary actions as per the Sanction Policy. Legal actions also may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

CC2.6 - Workforce Compliance Roles & Responsibilities

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule:
164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule:
164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor:
Article 39, Article 39(1)(a)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor:
Article 39, Article 39(1)(a)

Description

Establish compliance roles and responsibilities within the workforce.

Guidance

All workforce members have compliance responsibilities, from basic users not violating rules, to data owners responsible for access decisions, to compliance officials ensuring rules are documented and followed, to IT responsible for implementing compliant controls, and executives responsible for providing resources and supporting the compliance program.

Procedure

- Work with department heads and Subject Matter Experts to determine the compliance roles of workforce members, and document how each workforce member should take responsibility for compliance.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

Failure to comply with this or any other security policy will result in disciplinary actions as per the Sanction Policy. Legal actions also may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

CC2.7 - Third-Party Compliance Roles & Responsibilities

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule:
164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule:
164.308(a)(3)(ii)(A)
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor:
Article 29, Article 32(4), Article 39(1)(a)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor:
Article 29, Article 32(4), Article 39(1)(a)

Description

Establish compliance roles and responsibilities with third-party stakeholders.

Guidance

Third-parties can refer to vendors, suppliers, software developers, funding sources, clients, etc. It is important to document compliance roles and responsibilities, especially in situations where multiple organizations have shared responsibilities to protect data and comply with requirements.

Procedure

- Work with department heads and Subject Matter Experts to determine the compliance roles of each third-party stakeholders, and document how each should take responsibility for compliance.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.8 - Roles & Responsibilities

Coordination

Requirements

- NIST CSF: ID.GV-2

Other Requirements

- NIST CSF: ID.GV-2
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 29, Article 32(4), Article 39(1)(a)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 29, Article 32(4), Article 39(1)(a)

Description

Coordinate and align information security roles & responsibilities with internal roles and external partners.

Guidance

There should be formal relationships and defined responsibilities managed through scheduled and responsive activities to ensure security.

Procedure

- Those responsible for information security should interface with department heads, subject matter experts, executives, and third-party stakeholders. Roles should be determined and agreed to prior to incidents to facilitate an orderly response.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.9 - Agreements

Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(b)(4)	Other Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(b)(4)• EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 28(3)• UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 28(3)
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Description

Sign agreements that conform with all business and regulatory requirements ensuring third-parties protect data and network access.

Guidance

Agreements may be general confidentiality agreements, or specific agreements tied to regulations, such as HIPAA Business Associate Agreements.

Procedure

- Contracts including cybersecurity requirements should be signed with all third-parties. HIPAA requires Business Associate Agreements using specific language. The NY SHIELD Act requires third-party contracts including cybersecurity requirements.

Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.10 - Agreement Compliance Validation

Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(b)(4)

Other Requirements

- HIPAA - Security Rule: 164.308(b)(4)
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 28(3)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 28(3)

Description

Periodically validate that third-parties are living up to their contracted requirements.

Guidance

Signed agreements stored away don't mean anything. It is important to survey third-parties and require evidence they are meeting their contracted requirements.

Procedure

- Questionnaires and site visits can be used to validate third-party adherence to the organization's security requirements.

Responsibilities

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Sanctions/Compliance

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CC2.11 - Detection Roles & Responsibilities

Requirements

- NIST CSF: DE.DP-1

Other Requirements

- NIST CSF: DE.DP-1
- EU GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 29, Article 32(4), Article 39(1)(a)
- UK GDPR - Controller and Processor: Article 29, Article 32(4), Article 39(1)(a)

Description

Ensure that roles and responsibilities for detection are well defined to ensure accountability.

Guidance

Detection responsibilities are critical to ensuring events are identified and evaluated to determine the appropriate response.

Procedure

- Identify roles and assign responsibilities for ensuring detection tools are being used, that alerts are reviewed, and incidents managed according to organizational policies.

Responsibilities

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Sanctions/Compliance

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