

STANDARD 3 – SIGNIFICANCE AND PURPOSE

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- Has Organization identified what information assets to protect?
 - Customer records
 - Intellectual property
 - Has Organization identified sources of vulnerabilities?
 - Public Wi-Fi by employees
 - Security of paper records
 - Connected smart devices
 - Email/phishing
 - Has Organization conducted a risk, threat, vulnerability assessment?
 - Identify
 - Describe
 - Analyze
 - Has Organization identified critical information assets?
 - What security measures and controls are in place?
 - Has Organization created a written standard operating procedure that all pertinent employees can understand?
 - Who has the best knowledge of the organization’s activity and internal structure (best person to help write SOPs)?
 - What are the security measures and controls in place?
 - Is a Computer Security Incident Response Team in place? CSIRT
 - Who do the employees call if something happens with the network?
 - Is the number easily accessible?
 - Is there a landline at the business?
 - How often do you conduct simulated breaches?
 - When was the last time a simulated breach exercise happened?
 - Who is in charge of evaluating and improving the existing protocol?

STANDARD 5 – ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

- Is the accepted use policy clearly communicated to employees?
 - What types of uses are directly related to the employees job function?
- Can sensitive files be segregated, or password protected?
- Does the manager know which employees have which level of access?

STANDARD 6 – PASSWORDS

- Does the Organization use a password generator?
- Have any employees revealed a personal password to anyone else?
- How often does Organization mandate password changes?
 - Recommended at least every 90-180 days.
- Has multi-factor authentication been enabled?
- Has Organization identified the high value accounts?
- Are those accounts protected with a physical hardware token?
- Are all employee passwords at least 15 characters long, with a mixture of lowercase, uppercase, special symbols, and numbers?
- Are the company passwords kept in a safe place?
- Does Organization have a reporting system to catalog compromises?

STANDARD 7 – CONFIDENTIAL DATA POLICY

- Does Organization have a secure place to store:
 - Personally identifiable information?
 - Customer credit card information?
 - Business decision support system information?
 - Medical patient information?

Y /N

- Has Organization identified, classified, and segregated all PII, PCI, DSS, and ePHI?
- Does Organization have any media that contains patient ePHI?
- Has Organization identified systems, devices, and media that house collect, store, or process sensitive information?
- Has Organization documented ownership, responsibility, and function of each of these systems?

STANDARD 7 – CONFIDENTIAL DATA POLICY

- Is Organizational handling of the sensitive information compliant with regulations pertaining to health records and financial records confidentiality requirements?
- Is Organization's system capable of remote access?
Who has remote access?
- Is Organization equipped to handle confidential information?
(Storage, transmission, destruction)
Who has access?
How many copies?
Is any stored in the cloud?
Does Organization use encryption?
Does Organization have a firewall
Does Organization use a secure server?
Does organization destroy confidential information?
Does organization have policy for retention of data?
- Can data be recovered once it has been destroyed?
(Digital paper shredder)
- Is Organization's system of handling confidential information up-to-date with current standard operating systems and security procedures?
When was the last upgrade?
- Has Organization been clear about how the third-party is limited in its use of the confidential data?
How and when will the third-party destroy the data?

STANDARD 8 – MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

- Any company phones lost or stolen?
What are the data security controls on the phone?
- Are the phones encrypted?
- Is any organizational data available on any personal mobile device?
- Is any removable media used?
Is it encrypted?
- Assuming employees are using different Wi-Fi systems with different levels of security, can the business provide devices or laptops for remote use?
- Has Organization instructed employees to never connect their company device to a free wireless hotspot?
(aka—No working from Starbucks).
- When did Organization conduct the most recent review of policy compliance?
- When did Organization conduct the most recent inspection of mobile devices?

STANDARD 9 – RETENTION POLICY

- Is there a data retention policy in place?
- Is Organization anticipating any litigation?
- How often does Organization recycle security footage?
- Has Organization identified and segregated operational data?
- Does company Wi-Fi automatically pair with new devices when they enter the range?

STANDARD 10 – EMAIL POLICY

- Are employees clear about use of personal email at work?
- Does anyone send confidential information via email?
If so, is the email containing the sensitive info encrypted?
See Confidential Data policy for email.
- How long does Organization keep company emails?
What is required in the jurisdiction?

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- Have all email accounts of former employees been disabled?
- Does Organization trace who handles classified data?
- Have any employees emailed sensitive data to personal email accounts?

STANDARD 11 – BACKUP POLICY

- Has critical data been identified and segregated?
Policy to backup data?
- Does Organization measure the burden of backup?
 - On users?
 - On network resources?
 - On backup administrator?
- Do you frequently back up data?
 - Is there a set schedule for backup of data?
- Have the changes been tested?
- Does Organization screen new employees?
 - Has the new employee read and signed the Acceptable Use Policy?
- Does the Organization change the initial setup password for each new employee?
- Does an administrator know the employee passwords?
- Is a role-based access control system in place?
 - Is it documented?
 - Where is it stored?
- Does the system incorporate a default “denyall” setting for new or unrecognized users?
 - Is a password management system in place?
 - Is it encrypted?
- How does the Organization handle failed login attempts?
 - Does the system lock a user out after 3-5 failed login attempts, prevent another attempt for 30 minutes, or require a manual reset?
 - How often is the log of failed attempts reviewed?
- Is a multifactor authentication process in place?

STANDARD 12 – WORKFORCE SECURITY POLICY

- Are all of the Organization’s job descriptions in writing?
- Has the Organization identified which positions will handle ePHI?
- Do employees have the required skills and qualifications to perform according to their job descriptions?
- Is an employee training program in place?
- Does the Organization have multiple levels of security clearance?
- Does organization have procedure for disabling access when an employee is terminated or resigns?

STANDARD 13 – INCIDENT RESPONSE POLICY

- Are unauthorized devices accessing the network?
- Has the Organization lost any laptops or devices by accident or theft?
- Has the Organization lost any hard copies of sensitive documents?
- Who is in charge of responding to a security incident?
- Does the organization conduct simulated incident response exercises?
- Does the jurisdiction have industry or governmental regulations that outline a compliant response policy?
- If there has been a breach, has all at-risk information been treated as confidential information?
- How is information of the breach shared with media or customers?
 - Electronic Incidents:
 - Was damage limited?
 - Was network secured?
 - Was evidence of the incident preserved?
 - Was compromised device removed from the network?
 - Was incident reported to the IT department?
 - Has the compromised system been physically secured?
 - Note: Do NOT power down the entire system**
- Did the Organization’s policy operate as intended during the incident?
- Does Organization conduct a quarterly audit for lost or stolen devices that contain Organization data?

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STANDARD 14 – EXTERNAL CONNECTION POLICY

- Does Organization use “Strong encryption”
(i.e., encryption algorithms meet or exceed current industry standards).
- Does Organization use “Strong authentication”:
 - Strong password.
 - Pre-shared key.
 - Certificate.
 - Verify identity of remote user.
- Implementation
 - “Principle of Least Access”
 - Access only what is required for business purposes
 - Set up in a Demilitarized zone.
- Does Organization manage the VPN gateways, or does a third-party?
- Logging/Monitoring:
- Links to third-parties:
 - Organization should use a higher security standard than intra-Organization.

STANDARD 15 – GUEST ACCESS POLICY

- Has Guest signed the Acceptable User Policy agreement?
- Is Guest access separated from the corporate network (logically or physically).
 - Guest access should be monitored for appropriate use.
 - Guest is not a trusted user.
- Are Organization’s interests protected?
- Are security policies followed?

STANDARD 16 – WIRELESS ACCESS POLICY

- Is Media Access Control (MAC) Address filtering available?
- Limit network connections to known Network Interface Controllers (NICs)

STANDARD 17 – NETWORK SECURITY POLICY

- Are password for network security devices more complex than user passwords?
- Do network security devices utilize multi factor authentication?
- Does Organization lock a user’s account after 5 failed login attempts?
- Does Organization utilize technology to enforce password policies?
- Does Organization log activity on network-level devices to the fullest degree possible?
- Does Organization maintain a chronological trail of audits?
- Are audit results retained for a time period dictated by business or compliance requirements?
- Does Organization record:
 - User ID?
 - Event types (including date and time)?
 - Identity or name of affected data
 - Origination
 - Success/failure indicators
 - System components
 - Details of potential compromises
- Does Organization secure audit trails to prevent attackers from covering their tracks?
- Does firewall’s default setting block inbound access from external sources?
- Are firewall rules as restrictive as possible without affected legitimate access?
- Does firewall utilize strong encryption surrounding administrative access?
- Does firewall limit management access to networks where management connections originate?
- Does organization use a hardened system or pre-hardened appliances for firewall platforms?
 - Firewall is properly configured and that all rules are regularly audited.
 - Secure remote access points and users.
 - Block any unused or unneeded open network ports.
 - Disable and remove unnecessary protocols and services.
 - Implement access lists.
 - Encrypt network traffic.

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- Are firewall rule sets audited every six months?
- Details of each rule.
- Business justification for services/protocols.
- Documentation of insecure protocols.
- Mitigation features used to remedy.
- Scrutinize each rule.
- Documentation maintained by IT Person.
- Is firewall configured to filter inbound and outbound traffic?
- Is permitted outbound traffic specified?
- Is restricted outbound traffic blocked from leaving the network?
- Does Organization use consistent network hardware?
- Routers.
- Switches.
- Bridges.
- Access points.
- Network server protocol:
- For intended business functions, isolate necessary from unnecessary:
- Services.
- Daemons.
- Protocols.
- Scripts.
- Drivers.
- Features.
- Disable the unnecessary ones.
- Does Organization utilize appropriate server-hardening guidelines?
- Are network servers protected by a firewall or access control list?
- Is each server limited to one primary function?
- What is the security review timeline?
- Security review includes:
- Network and network architecture.
- Infrastructure.
- Security processes.
- Capability of personnel.
- Data flow diagrams up-to-date.
- Compliance with data protection regulations.
- How often is a security test conducted?
- Does the test involve relevant stakeholders?
- Has Organization mitigated any security or compliance issues?
- Is the vulnerability test score acceptable in relation to the CVSS?
- Is the antivirus/anti-malware software up-to-date on all devices with access to the network?
- Is the operating system up-to-date with all available Security Patches and Critical Updates?
- Does Organization have a Software Use Policy?
- Is software tested for vulnerabilities and misconfigurations?
- Does Organization maintain a "change log"?
- Hardware and/or configuration changes.
- Notify relevant stakeholders of reasons, risks, and rollback strategies for changes.

STANDARD 18 – ENCRYPTION POLICY

- Is Organization aware of current industry standards regarding encryption algorithms?
- Is Organization aware of any government regulations applicable to encryption?
- Does Organization use "Strong Encryption"?
- Is remote access to Organization network encrypted?
- Has encryption been initiated before administrative password was changed?
- Do all mobile devices store Organization data on an encrypted partition?
- Use whole disk encryption where sensitive data is on the device.
- When confidential information is transmitted via email, is it encrypted?
- Never send sensitive data via end-user messaging technology.
- Has Organization stored confidential data in encrypted form?