

Information Shield™ Cyber Security Plan for IRS



Save Thousands Developing Your Information Security Program

Tax providers are required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to develop and Cyber Security Plan to protect taxpayer data. Information Shield, the leader in providing sample information security and privacy policies, has developed an **IRS Cyber Security Plan** template to address the key requirements of the IRS requirements. The following table shows how the IRS Cyber Security Plan Template addresses each of the key requirements.

IRS Cyber Security Requirement	Information Shield Solution
<p>Written Cyber Security Plan</p> <p>The IRS now requires tax providers to develop a comprehensive written cyber security plan that addresses the requirements of several key special publications, including IRS Publication 4557 “Safeguarding Taxpayer Data”.</p>	<p>The IRS Cyber Security Plan template provides key documentation required to address all IRS requirements.</p> <p>The plan includes formal documentation for key information security roles required by the IRS.</p>
<p>Understand Cyber Risks</p> <p>The FTC Safeguard Rule requires that organization <i>identify and assess the risks to customer information in each relevant area of the company’s operation</i>, and evaluate the effectiveness of the current safeguards for controlling these risks;</p>	<p>The IRS Cyber Security Plan template includes an example list of cyber threats that are also addressed by the cyber plan controls.</p>
<p>Key Information Security Policies</p> <p>The IRS Publication 4557 “Safeguarding Taxpayer Data” requires written information security policies covering specific topics for protecting data.</p>	<p>The IRS Cyber Security Plan template included a complete set of written information security policies that cover each control required in various IRS publications.</p>
<p>Special Policies for e-filing providers</p> <p>IRS Publication 1345 “Handbooks for Authorizing E-file providers” requires special security controls for anyone submitting electronic returns.</p>	<p>The Information Shield Cyber Security Plan template included a special section of additional written information security policies that address these key requirements.</p>

<p>Cyber Security Education</p> <p>The IRS requires that all employees who process taxpayer data must be educated against cyber security threats.</p>	<p>The Information Shield Cyber Security Plan template includes an Employee Training Presentation that addresses key risks for taxpayer data.</p>
<p>Acceptable Use Policies</p> <p>The IRS requires that all employees who process taxpayer data must be educated against cyber security threats.</p>	<p>The Cyber Security Plan package includes a sample Acceptable Use Policy that can be distributed and read by all employees.</p>
<p>Ongoing Program Compliance</p> <p>IRS requires that tax preparers “regularly monitor” and test the cyber security program. All organizations should be aware that the policies required by the IRS must be followed by all employees in the organization.</p>	<p>The IRS Cyber Plan Template provides a checklist of ongoing activities that must be followed to maintain compliance.</p>



PROTECTING TAXPAYER DATA IS THE LAW. FEDERAL LAW GIVES THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO SET DATA SAFEGUARD REGULATIONS FOR VARIOUS ENTITIES, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL TAX RETURN PREPARERS.”

IRS Publication 4557

The IRS has placed a renewed interest in the protection of taxpayer data for all tax preparers.

Information Shield has provided sample security policies and templates to over 10,000 organizations in 60 countries.

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