

END-OF-LIFE DATA SECURITY GAP ANALYSIS

STAYING UP-TO-DATE WITH NEW AND EVOLVING DATA SECURITY REGULATIONS, WHILE ALSO KEEPING GROWING AMOUNTS OF DATA SECURE, IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR MOST INDUSTRIES. HELP YOUR ORGANISATION ACHIEVE ITS HIGHEST POTENTIAL BY FINDING POSSIBLE GAPS IN YOUR DATA SECURITY MANAGEMENT POLICIES. USE THE CHECKLIST BELOW TO ASSESS AND IMPROVE YOUR END-OF-LIFE DATA MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND EXECUTION:

- Do you have a data sanitisation policy in place for all end-of-life assets?
- Do you rely on a mix of proven data sanitisation methods - including physical destruction, cryptographic erasure, and secure data erasure?
- Does your organisation currently use a certified technology solution to erase data permanently from all physical assets (i.e. desktop computers, laptops, smartphones, tablets, USB sticks), as well as from drives and machines/servers in the data centre?
- Does your organisation have a secure method for disposing of newer technologies, such as SSD's and flash drives?
- Do you have a written plan for disposing of data after migrating from old data centres to cloud data centres (private or public)?
- If you partner with an ITAD firm, do you audit its secure erasure process? What are your vendor's policies and procedures for handling data-bearing devices?
- How does your ITAD provider ensure secure chain-of-custody throughout the disposition process? Do they own their own fleet of vehicles or rely on third parties for logistics?

If you have an end-of-life plan in place for your data and IT assets, you're keeping your organisation's data safe at the end of its lifecycle. Make sure that you're not overlooking any information, data, or assets that should be securely erased and properly disposed of to avoid any security risks.

Keeping data in old IT assets is a dangerous game. To mitigate risk and keep your information safe, you need to have secure chain of custody and erasure processes for all end-of-life data-bearing devices. After erasure, you need to ensure that this equipment is disposed of properly. Partner with a reputable ITAD provider like Iron Mountain for best results.



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