

# The Security Rule

The HIPAA Security Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' electronic personal health information that is created, received, used, or maintained by a covered entity. The Security Rule requires appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and security of electronic protected health information.

The Security Rule is located at 45 CFR [Part 160](#) and Subparts A and C of [Part 164](#).

[View the combined regulation text](#) of all HIPAA Administrative Simplification Regulations found at 45 CFR 160, 162, and 164.

## Security Rule History

February 20, 2003 – [Security Standards – Final Rule \(PDF\)](#)

August 12, 1998 – [Security and Electronic Signature Standards - Proposed Rule \(PDF\)](#)

## Other Security Rule Notices and Materials

[View Federal Trade Commission Guidance on Medical Identity Theft: FAQs for Health Care Providers and Health Plans](#)

[View the Federal Register notice of the Delegation of Authority \(74 FR 38630\)](#)

[View the Delegation of Authority Press Release](#)

[View Guidance on Risk Analysis requirements under the Security Rule.](#)

[View Security Rule Educational Paper Series and NIST Special Publications](#)

[View Federal Trade Commission Guidance on the Security Risks to Electronic Health Information from Peer-to-Peer File Sharing Applications](#)

[View Federal Trade Commission Guidance on Safeguarding Electronic Protected Health Information on Digital Copiers](#)

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