

IT Security Policies Design

Securing its business information is critical for every organization. We almost on daily basis hear or read about high profile attacks on corporate and government web sites. Bank computers are broken every year and important account data and credit card data is stolen by criminals. Besides having business and financial impact resulting from these attacks - there are legal issues resulting from these attacks. You need a well qualified team of security professionals to safeguard your network, your data and your equipment. This is what we at Rapidsoft can do for you. At Rapidsoft Systems, we specialize in four main practice areas: Assessment, Managed Security, Remediation, and Response in order to appropriately secure your organization's most critical information.

Why Do You Need a Security Policy?

Who is responsible for securing an organization's information? Perhaps the Research and Evaluation department? Not exactly. The Management Information System (MIS) staff? Wrong again. Ultimately, it is not only individual employees or departments that are responsible for the security of confidential information, but also the institution itself. It is, therefore, incumbent upon top administrators, who are charged with protecting the institution's best interests, to ensure that an appropriate and effective security policy is developed and put into practice throughout the organization.

While policies themselves don't solve problems, and in fact can actually complicate things unless they are clearly written and observed, policy does define the ideal toward which all organizational efforts should point. By definition, security policy refers to clear, comprehensive, and well-defined plans, rules, and practices that regulate access to an organization's system and the information included in it. Good policy protects not only information and systems, but also individual employees and the organization as a whole. It also serves as a prominent statement to the outside world about the organization's commitment to security.

Rapidsoft Systems IT-Security Policy Development Consulting Services

Our security policy expert can help you draft a policy that is unique to your circumstances and working environment. A policy that protects your interests and is legally defendable with any dispute with employees, co-workers, partners and clients etc. We have studied hundreds of legal cases impacting draft of security policies.

Our Policy Development Process

A good IT policy must be based on the results of a local survey and risk assessment. Findings your use of IT resources and doing a risk assessment provide policy-makers with an accurate picture of the security needs specific to your organization. This information is imperative because proper policy development requires decision-makers to:

- Identify sensitive information and critical systems
- Incorporate local, state, and federal laws, as well as relevant ethical standards
- Define institutional security goals and objectives
- Set a course for accomplishing those goals and objectives
- Ensure that necessary mechanisms for accomplishing the goals and objectives are in place

What Should a Good IT Security Policy Address

An organization's risk assessment, and not this document or any other source, informs policy-makers of their system's specific security needs. But regardless of those findings, the following general questions should be addressed clearly and concisely in any security policy:

- What is the reason for the policy?
- Who developed the policy?
- Who approved the policy?
- Whose authority sustains the policy?
- Which laws or regulations, if any, are the policy based on?
- Who will enforce the policy?
- How will the policy be enforced?
- . Whom does the policy affect?
- What information assets must be protected?
- What are Email and Data Retention Policies?
- What are Your Policies for Use of Office IT Assets specially Internet Connectivity for Non-Official Use?
- What are users actually required to do?
- How should security breaches and violations be reported?
- What is the effective date and expiration date of the policy?

An expert at Rapidsoft Systems can answer all the above questions and help your company assess your risks and create an effective policy for your organization.

Why Rapidsoft Systems:

With over 350+ software projects executed, you can simply count on our expertise, experience in giving you the right solution at absolutely lowest possible cost. If you would like more information, or want us to submit an estimate or a "no-obligation" quote for your project, contact us for more information.

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