



CREATION OF *IT* SECURITY POLICIES

WHY YOU NEED AN *IT* SECURITY POLICY

An IT security policy describes the rules and objectives that manage the confidentiality, availability and integrity of a company's informational assets. A well written policy will enable you to list, prioritise and organise those assets. Furthermore, the policy creation process will allow you to identify any vulnerabilities your infrastructure may have and the mechanisms to increase your company's overall security level. Companies who adopt a clear and well structured IT security policy have a **better ROI on their IT investments** as well as a **better defence structure against most threats**. Finally, your IT security policy will help you answer the following questions:




- What importance does your organization confer to its **overall IT security**?
- What are your organization's most **critical IT assets**?
- Is it possible for someone outside/inside your organization to **compromise your corporate data**?
- What would be the **impact of a disaster** on your organization?
- What measures can you take to **protect your organization** from a disaster and what are their costs?
- **Are your employees aware** that your IT security exists and do they know their responsibilities in regards to it?





VIRTUAL GUARDIAN CAN ASSIST YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Virtual Guardian can help you create your own policy. Our specialists can help you draft an IT security policy that will be tailor-made to your company's needs. During the creation process, they can also cover, in collaboration with your IT managers, all procedural and organisational points with regards to the policy. Here is the natural structure of a well structured policy:

Policy declaration		<i>This is a formal declaration done by management expressing its desire to engage in an IT security creation process.</i>
General organizational policies		<i>These are the strategic corporate plans with regards to IT infrastructure management.</i>
Functional policies		<i>These are management policies applied to a function, a unit or group of specific systems.</i>
Compulsory standards		<i>These specific rules, applied to a system, service or procedure must be understood by all.</i>
Line of conduct		<i>These are the industry's best practices and must be applied to any situation.</i>
Operational procedures		<i>These are the technical documents explaining the organization's daily operations with regards to a system or a process.</i>

Is your company **expanding**?

Does your industry require your organization to **comply with certain laws or standards**?

Is an IT security policy **the next logical step** for your organization?

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