

Privacy and Security

How can we balance conflicting regulatory obligations around data, privacy and security?

Over the past decade financial services firms have faced an onslaught of privacy and security regulations. Data protection has rapidly shifted from a niche topic of conversation to a board meeting agenda item in all financial institutions. While increased consumer safeguards are welcomed, heightened focus on data protection has created a new set of challenges for information governance.

For Records Managers, who previously had little involvement in the governance of data contained within records, conflicting data privacy and security obligations have resulted in a risky balancing act that decades-old systems and process are ill-equipped to handle.

For Data Officers on a mission to enhance data-driven business growth, and for Security Officers trying to forge strong and secure connections between departments and jurisdictions, new governance mandates around privacy and data protection have been a major distraction.

Today, all internal stakeholders are concerned with

- understanding which information assets are held by your organization, and where
- verifying which regulations apply to these information assets, and identifying the records and data governance obligations associated with them, whichever jurisdiction they reside in
- monitoring rules and regulations across all jurisdictions, understanding the impact of regulatory change on your records and data, and taking remedial action in a timely manner
- knowing which records contain personal data, and how that data must be managed, either within or separate from the record itself



- putting procedures and controls in place to safeguard personal data and monitor compliance
- storing data within records in the right location, subject to the procedures and controls required for effective governance
- protecting these records securely and compliantly in transit, as they cross borders, from one jurisdiction to another
- interpreting rules and regulations, and recognizing when data protection obligations conflict with security and recordkeeping requirements
- making risk-based assessments to determine the most compliant course of action to take when conflicts arise
- accelerating e-discovery, enabling records containing personal data to be located quickly, when required for a litigation or compliance investigation, or when a former customer invokes their right to be forgotten
- creating a defensible audit trail to track and manage data within records, and other information assets

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