

HIPAA Website Compliance Checklist

A comprehensive guide to ensuring your website meets HIPAA requirements

Technical Safeguards

- SSL/TLS encryption (HTTPS) implemented across entire website
- Strong encryption for data at rest (AES-256 or equivalent)
- Secure authentication mechanisms (multi-factor where applicable)
- Session timeout after 15 minutes of inactivity
- Automatic logout on browser close

Access Controls

- Role-based access control (RBAC) implemented
- Unique user identification for all system users
- Emergency access procedures documented
- Automatic logoff after inactivity period
- Encryption and decryption mechanisms in place

Audit Controls

- Comprehensive logging of PHI access and modifications
- Regular audit log reviews (at least quarterly)
- Tamper-proof audit trail system
- Log retention for minimum 6 years

Data Integrity

- Mechanisms to ensure PHI is not improperly altered or destroyed
- Regular data backup procedures
- Disaster recovery plan tested annually
- Data validation on input forms

Transmission Security

- End-to-end encryption for PHI transmission
- Secure file transfer protocols (SFTP, HTTPS)
- Email encryption for PHI communications
- VPN for remote access to systems containing PHI

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