



Attention: Business owners!

As of March 1st, all businesses that have access to the personal information of MA residents must comply with the new laws designed to prevent identity theft. If, for example, you receive payments by check or credit card, keep social security or drivers license numbers, you will need to not only ensure that those records are maintained in a secure fashion but also that you have a comprehensive Written Information Security Program in place and designated employees to implement and enforce it. There are very specific security measures for computer systems, even including those handy flash drives, that will need to be encrypted and password protected.

For More Information

The following links will give you more information

New Standards for the Protection of Personal Information of Residents of the Commonwealth

<http://www.mass.gov/Eoca/docs/idtheft/201CMR1700reg.pdf>

Massachusetts Law About Identity Theft

<http://lawlib.state.ma.us/subject/about/identitytheft.html>

Small Biz compliance checklist

http://www.mass.gov/Eoca/docs/idtheft/compliance_checklist.pdf

Small Business Guide

http://www.mass.gov/Eoca/docs/idtheft/sec_plan_smallbiz_guide.pdf

Information about the regulations and a simplified compliance plan

http://www.201cmr17.com/#_Quick_compliance_path_1

Sample WISP

<http://www.201cmr17.com/Sample%20Information%20Security%20Policy.htm>

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