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Content

Title: "Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Cybersecurity"

Subtitle: "Laws, Privacy, Intellectual Property, and Ethics"

Sources:

[NIST Cybersecurity Framework](#)

[How ISO 27001 Streamlines Legal and Regulatory Compliance](#)

[UN Cybercrime Treaty](#)

YouTube Video: [The Five Laws of Cybersecurity | Nick Espinosa | TEDxFondduLac](#)



Fig. 5. Using the CSF to improve risk management communication

Law vs. Ethics

Law: Binding rules (e.g., GDPR).

Ethics: Moral principles (e.g., ACM Code of Ethics).

Example: Whistleblowing (legal vs. ethical dilemmas).

Sources:

[Ethics vs. the Law: What's the Difference?](#)

[ACM Code of Ethics](#)

[Inside The Mind of a Whistleblower](#)

YouTube Video: [The Snowden files -- the inside story of the world's most wanted man | Luke Harding | TEDxAthens](#)



Types of Laws in Cybersecurity

Criminal Law (e.g., hacking prosecutions).

Civil Law (e.g., data breach lawsuits).

Regulatory Law (e.g., HIPAA, SOX).

Sources

[US DOJ - Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section \(CCIPS\)](#)

[The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity, ENISA](#)

[Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\) - The Security Rule](#)

YouTube Video: [Introduction to Cyber Law](#)

Key US Cybersecurity Laws

CFAA (Computer Fraud and Abuse Act).

SOX (Sarbanes-Oxley Act).

State Laws (e.g., CCPA).

Sources

[The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act \(CFAA\) of 1986 Text \(Cornell Law\)](#)

[What is SOX Compliance? 2025 Complete Guide](#)

[CCPA vs. GDPR \(IAPP\)](#)

YouTube Video: [What is SOX Compliance?](#)

Privacy & Data Protection

- GDPR (EU).
- LOPDGDD (Spain's Data Protection Law).
- FOIA (Freedom of Information Act, USA).

Sources:

[GDPR Official Text](#)

[LOPDGDD \(AEPD\)](#)

[Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#)

YouTube Video: [GDPR: What Is It and How Might It Affect You?](#)



International Cybersecurity Laws

Budapest Convention (Cybercrime Treaty).

UN Charter's Cyber Norms.

China's Data Security Law.

Sources:

[Budapest Convention \(CoE\)](#)

[UN Cyber Norms](#)

[China's DSL \(NPC\)](#)

YouTube Video: [International cyber law: does it exist and do we need it?](#)



The Convention is more than the text of a treaty. It is this "dynamic triangle" of common standards, follow up and assessments, and capacity building which makes the difference.

Intellectual Property & Digital Rights

Copyright (DMCA).

Patents (e.g., software patents).

Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).

Sources:

[US Copyright Office](#)

[DMCA Summary \(EFF\)](#)

[WIPO Treaties](#)

YouTube Video: [Understanding the DMCA: An Overview](#)



Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) Act

Purpose: Financial transparency post-Enron.

IT Controls: Sections 302, 404.

Case Study: Enron scandal.

Sources:

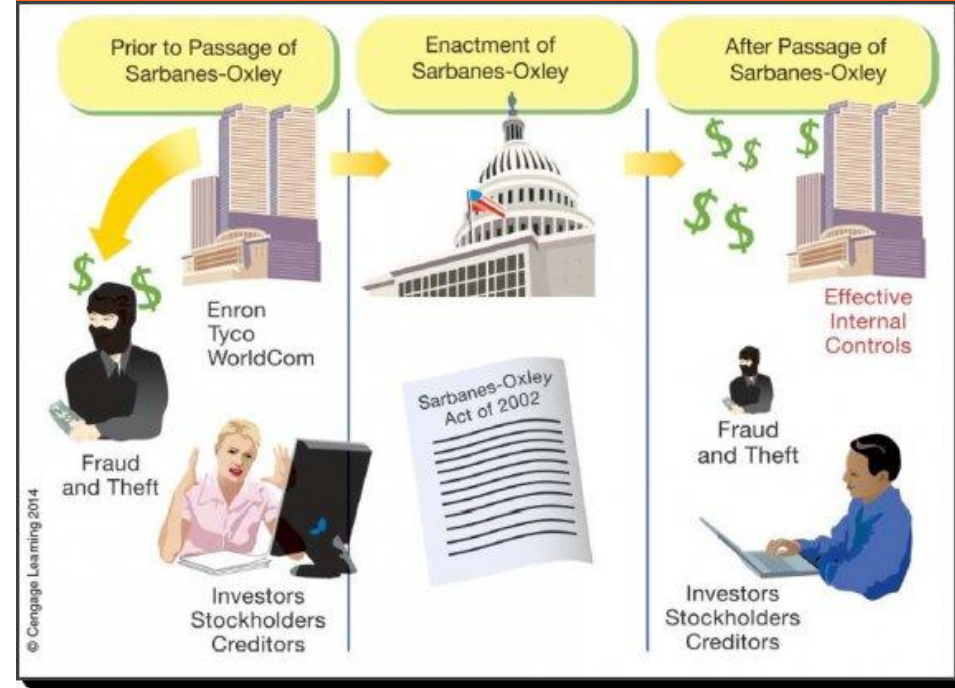
[Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: A Guide for Small Business](#)

[Enron Scandal \(Investopedia\)](#)

[The Role of Technology in SOX and ICFR](#)

[Compliance Programs](#)

YouTube Video: [Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room \(2005\)](#)



Professional Ethics & Certifications

Cert: CISSP, CISM, CEH.

Ethics: (ISC)², ISACA.

Ethical hacking dilemmas.

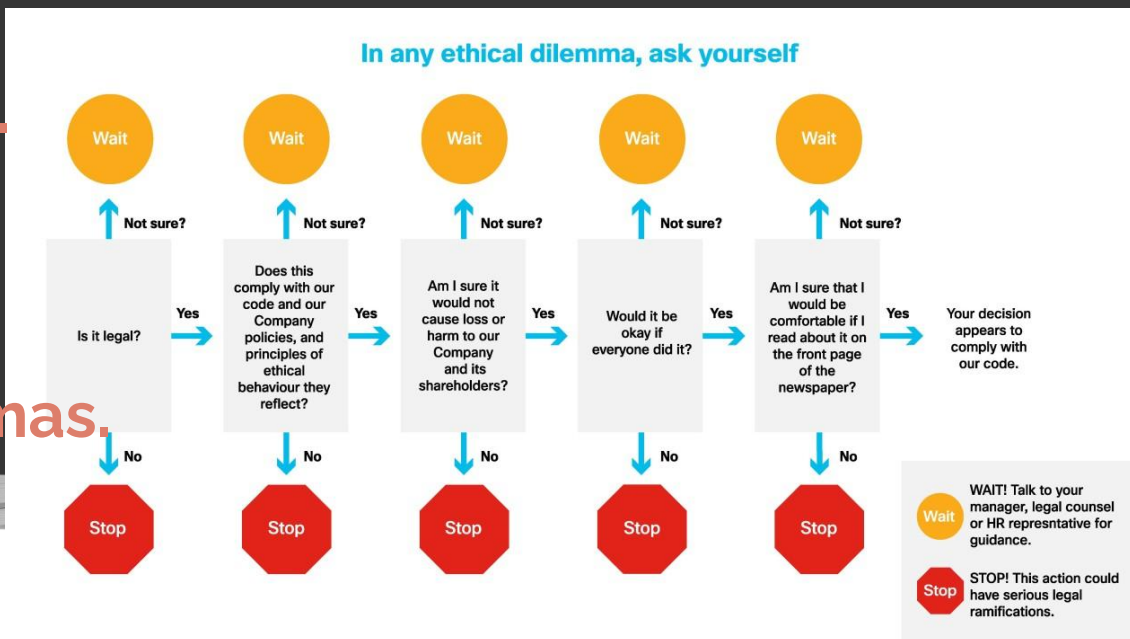
Sources

[\(ISC\)² Code of Ethics](#)

[ISACA Ethics](#)

[Ethical Hacking Guide \(EC-Council\)](#)

YouTube Video: [Hacking Terminology \(HackerSploit\)](#)



Policy vs. Law

Policy: Organizational rules (e.g., BYOD policies)

Law: Government-mandated (e.g., HIPAA).

Example: Workplace monitoring policies.

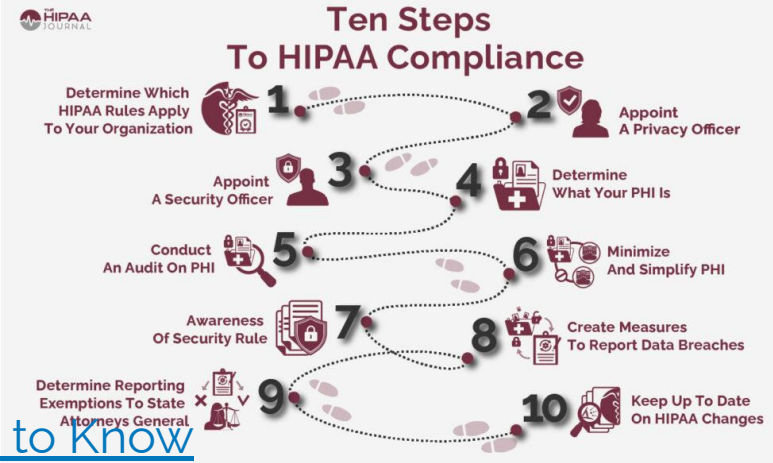
Sources:

[NIST Policy Templates](#)

[HIPAA vs. Internal Policies \(HHS\)](#)

[BYOD Security Policy Guide: 6 Best Practices to Know](#)

YouTube Video: [The Business Owners' Guide to Workplace Privacy and Surveillance | MNK Law](#)



Case Study – Facebook & GDPR

Issue: €1.2B fine for EU-US data transfers (2023)

Lesson: Cross-border compliance challenges.

Sources:

[1.2 billion euro fine for Facebook as a result of EDPB binding decision](#)

[EU-US Data Flows \(EDPB\)](#)

[GDPR Enforcement Tracker](#)

YouTube Video: [Twitter and Facebook user numbers decline as GDPR regulation weighs | Squawk Box Europe](#)



Case 1: Cambridge Analytica & Data Privacy Violations (2018)

What happened: Harvested 87M Facebook profiles without consent for political targeting

Legal consequences: \$5B FTC fine (largest in Facebook's history)

Ethical issues: Consent, data misuse, and democratic integrity

Sources:

[FTC Settlement Document](#)

YouTube Video: [What is the Cambridge Analytica scandal?](#)

Case 2: Uber Data Breach Cover-up (2016)

What happened: Paid hackers \$100k to hide breach of 57M user records

Legal fallout: \$148M settlement across US states

Professional ethics: CSO fired for concealment

Sources:

[What can the Uber breach teach us about information security?](#)

YouTube Video: [Uber Paid Hackers \\$100K To Delete Data And Stay Quiet | CNBC](#)

Case 3: Sony Pictures Hack (2014)

What happened: North Korean hackers leaked emails and unreleased films

Legal issues: First cyberattack declared act of terrorism by US

Intellectual property implications: Pirated films cost millions

Sources:

[The Sony Pictures Breach: A Deep Dive into a Landmark Cyber Attack](#)

YouTube Video: [The Perfect Weapon \(2020\): Sony Hack \(Clip\) | HBO](#)

Case 4: Microsoft vs. US Government (2013-2018)

Legal battle: Refusal to hand over emails stored in Irish data center

Outcome: CLOUD Act resolution (clarifying cross-border data access)

Privacy vs. law enforcement debate

Sources:

[United States vs Microsoft](#)

YouTube Video: [Defending the cloud: Microsoft argues landmark data storage case](#)

Case 5: Google Right to Be Forgotten (2014-Present)

EU ruling: Individuals can request removal of personal search results

Implementation challenges: Over 5 million URLs processed

Balance between privacy and free speech

Sources:

[Google wins landmark right to be forgotten case](#)

YouTube Video: [Privacy Law and the right to be forgotten: Three Minute Lectures](#)