how to avoid copilot to scan sensitive files and code in place code

To prevent GitHub Copilot from scanning sensitive files or code, you can take the following steps:

**1. Disable Copilot in Your IDE**

* **VS Code**:
  + Go to **Settings** → **Extensions** → **GitHub Copilot**.
  + Disable **"Enable Copilot"** or toggle off **"Inline Suggestions"**.
* **JetBrains (IntelliJ, PyCharm, etc.)**:
  + Navigate to **File → Settings → Tools → GitHub Copilot**.
  + Uncheck **"Enable Copilot"**.

**2. Use a**.gitignore**or**.copilotignore**File**

* GitHub Copilot respects .gitignore files. If a file is ignored by Git, Copilot typically won’t scan it.
* Alternatively, create a .copilotignore file (if supported) to explicitly exclude files/folders.

**3. Avoid Opening Sensitive Files in the IDE**

* If a file is open in your editor, Copilot may process it. Keep sensitive files closed or in a separate workspace.

**4. Use a Separate Workspace for Sensitive Code**

* Keep sensitive projects in a different directory or IDE window where Copilot is disabled.

**5. Disable Telemetry (If Possible)**

* Some IDEs allow disabling telemetry/data collection. Check your IDE’s settings for privacy controls.

**6. Use an Offline Alternative**

* If you need AI-assisted coding without cloud processing, consider **offline alternatives** like:
  + **StarCoder** (Local LLM)
  + **CodeLlama** (Self-hosted)
  + **Tabnine** (Can run locally in some configurations)

**7. Enterprise/Organization Controls (For Companies)**

* If you're in an organization, GitHub offers **Copilot for Business** with policies to restrict data sharing.
* Admins can enforce **"Private Code Only"** mode to prevent sending code to external servers.

**8. Check GitHub’s Privacy Settings**

* Visit [GitHub Copilot settings](https://github.com/settings/copilot) and review data-sharing preferences.

Would you like help with a specific IDE or scenario?

co-pilot pls give guide in our org they are using .. give key features , architecture , how to learn , like securing more sensitive data not going out , also inline suggestions sometime sensitive data gets expose .. pls guide

**GitHub Copilot Enterprise Guide for Organizations**

GitHub Copilot is a powerful AI coding assistant, but enterprises must ensure **security, compliance, and control** over sensitive data. Below is a structured guide on **key features, architecture, learning resources, and securing sensitive data** from exposure.

**1. Key Features of GitHub Copilot (Enterprise Edition)**

| **Feature** | **Description** | **Security Consideration** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Inline Code Suggestions** | Real-time AI-generated code completions | Risk of leaking secrets if suggestions include sensitive data |
| **Chat Assistance** | Natural language coding help via Copilot Chat | Ensure queries don’t expose proprietary logic |
| **Private Codebase Training** (Enterprise-only) | Model trained only on org’s repos (no public data) | Prevents external data leakage |
| **Self-Hosted Option** (Coming soon) | On-premises Copilot deployment | Full data control |
| **Policy Controls** | Disable public code suggestions | Ensures only internal code is referenced |
| **Audit Logs** | Track Copilot usage across teams | Compliance monitoring |

**2. GitHub Copilot Architecture & Data Flow**

Understanding how Copilot processes data is critical for security:

**Data Flow Overview**

1. **User types code** → Copilot analyzes context (open files, imports, etc.).
2. **Request sent to GitHub’s servers** (unless self-hosted).
3. **AI model generates suggestions** (trained on public + private code if enabled).
4. **Suggestion returned to IDE** (VS Code, JetBrains, etc.).

**Where Sensitive Data Could Leak**

* **Inline Suggestions** → If Copilot infers secrets (API keys, credentials).
* **Copilot Chat** → Employees asking questions about proprietary code.
* **Training Data** → If private repos are used for model fine-tuning.

**3. Securing Sensitive Data in Copilot**

**A. Prevent Copilot from Processing Sensitive Files**

1. **Use**.gitignore**&**.copilotignore
   * Files ignored by Git are usually skipped by Copilot.
   * Example:

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# .copilotignore

/secrets/

\*.env

config/\*.json

1. **Disable Copilot in Sensitive Projects**
   * In VS Code:
     + Ctrl+Shift+P → **"Copilot: Enable/Disable"**
   * In JetBrains:
     + **Settings → Tools → GitHub Copilot → Uncheck "Enable Copilot"**
2. **Use Workspace Trust Settings (VS Code)**
   * Mark sensitive directories as **"Restricted"** to disable Copilot.

**B. Enterprise Controls (GitHub Copilot for Business)**

1. **Enable "Private Code Only" Mode**
   * Prevents Copilot from suggesting public/open-source code.
   * Configure in **GitHub Enterprise Settings → Copilot Policies**.
2. **Disable Copilot for Certain Repos**
   * Use repository tags to block Copilot access.
3. **Audit & Monitor Copilot Usage**
   * Check **GitHub Audit Logs** for Copilot activity.
4. **Self-Hosted Option (Future Release)**
   * Run Copilot entirely on-premises (coming for enterprise customers).

**C. Training & Best Practices for Developers**

1. **Avoid Typing Secrets in Code**
   * Use environment variables (export API\_KEY=xxx).
   * Scan code with **GitHub Advanced Security (Secret Scanning)**.
2. **Review Suggestions Before Accepting**
   * Copilot may accidentally suggest hardcoded secrets.
3. **Use Offline Alternatives for Highly Sensitive Work**
   * **CodeLlama** (Local AI)
   * **StarCoder** (Self-hosted)

**4. How to Learn & Implement Copilot Securely**

**Training Resources**

| **Resource** | **Link** |
| --- | --- |
| **GitHub Copilot Docs** | [docs.github.com/copilot](https://docs.github.com/copilot) |
| **Enterprise Security Guide** | [GitHub Copilot for Business](https://github.com/enterprise) |
| **Secure Coding with Copilot** | [GitHub Skills Lab](https://skills.github.com/) |

**Recommended Rollout Phases**

1. **Pilot Group Testing** → Small team evaluates risks.
2. **Policy Enforcement** → Enable "Private Code Only" mode.
3. **Org-Wide Deployment** → With training & monitoring.

**5. Summary Checklist for Secure Copilot Usage**

✅ **Enable "Private Code Only" mode** (Enterprise)  
✅ **Use**.copilotignore**for sensitive files**  
✅ **Disable Copilot in restricted projects**  
✅ **Monitor audit logs for unusual activity**  
✅ **Train devs on secure Copilot usage**

Would you like a **custom policy template** for your organization? I can help draft one! 🚀

can you give workflow approach to secure github copilot from above discussion

**Workflow Approach to Secure GitHub Copilot in Your Organization**

This structured workflow ensures **secure adoption** of GitHub Copilot while minimizing risks of **sensitive data exposure**.

**Phase 1: Pre-Deployment Assessment**

**Goal:** Identify risks and define policies before enabling Copilot.

**Steps:**

1. **Inventory Sensitive Repositories**
   * Use git-secrets or truffleHog to scan for hardcoded credentials.
   * Tag repos as:
     + copilot-allowed (Low-risk, non-sensitive)
     + copilot-restricted (Contains secrets/PII)
2. **Define Organizational Policies**
   * **Allowed:** Use Copilot for non-sensitive projects.
   * **Restricted:** Disable Copilot for:
     + Secrets/config files (e.g., .env, config/\*.json)
     + Compliance-regulated code (HIPAA/GDPR).
3. **Set Up**.copilotignore**(or**.gitignore**)**

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# .copilotignore

/secrets/

\*.key

\*.env

config/prod/\*

**Phase 2: Technical Enforcement**

**Goal:** Implement controls to block Copilot from accessing sensitive data.

**Steps:**

1. **Enable GitHub Copilot for Business**
   * Enforce **"Private Code Only"** mode (blocks public code suggestions).
2. **Disable Copilot in Restricted Repos**
   * **For GitHub.com:** Use repository tags to disable Copilot.
   * **For Self-Hosted (Future):** On-premises deployment with firewall rules.
3. **IDE-Level Controls**
   * **VS Code:** Use settings.json to disable Copilot in sensitive workspaces:

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{

"github.copilot.enable": false,

"files.watcherExclude": { "\*\*/secrets/\*\*": true }

}

* + **JetBrains:** Disable Copilot via Settings > Tools > GitHub Copilot.

1. **Scan for Secrets in Real-Time**
   * Use **GitHub Advanced Security** or pre-commit hooks with gitleaks.

**Phase 3: User Training & Awareness**

**Goal:** Educate developers on secure Copilot usage.

**Steps:**

1. **Conduct Training Sessions**
   * Cover:
     + When **not** to use Copilot (e.g., secrets, proprietary algorithms).
     + How to **review suggestions** before accepting.
2. **Provide Cheat Sheets**
   * Example:

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✅ Safe to Use Copilot For:

- Boilerplate code (e.g., API routes).

- Open-source libraries (if "Private Code Only" is enabled).

❌ Avoid Using Copilot For:

- Environment variables (`API\_KEY=xxx`).

- Encryption keys or passwords.

1. **Simulate a "Red Team" Exercise**
   * Test if Copilot suggests sensitive data from your codebase.

**Phase 4: Monitoring & Compliance**

**Goal:** Continuously audit and refine controls.

**Steps:**

1. **Enable GitHub Audit Logs**
   * Track copilot\_suggestion\_accepted events.
2. **Regularly Review**.copilotignore
   * Update exclusions as new sensitive files are identified.
3. **Quarterly Security Reviews**
   * Check for:
     + New Copilot features impacting security.
     + Policy violations (e.g., devs enabling Copilot in restricted repos).

**Workflow Summary**

Diagram

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Tag repos

Train devs

Audit logs

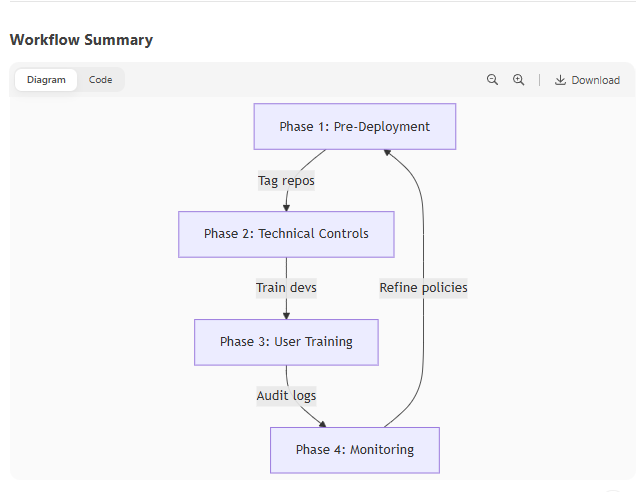
Refine policies

Phase 1: Pre-Deployment

Phase 2: Technical Controls

Phase 3: User Training

Phase 4: Monitoring

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**Key Tools to Implement**

| **Tool** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| .copilotignore | Block Copilot from scanning sensitive files |
| GitHub Advanced Security | Detect secrets in Copilot suggestions |
| IDE Settings | Disable Copilot in restricted workspaces |
| Audit Logs | Track Copilot usage across the org |

**Final Checklist**

✅ **Classify repos** (allowed vs. restricted).  
✅ **Enforce "Private Code Only"** (GitHub Enterprise).  
✅ **Disable Copilot in IDEs** for sensitive projects.  
✅ **Train developers** on secure usage.  
✅ **Monitor & iterate** with audit logs.

Would you like a **customizable policy template** or **sample**.copilotignore**file** for your team? 🛡️

in this chat ... can you draw workflow 3. Securing Sensitive Data in Copilot

Here’s a clear **workflow diagram** (in text/Mermaid format) for **Securing Sensitive Data in Copilot**, based on our discussion:

Diagram

Code

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Allowed

Restricted

Update Policies

Identify Sensitive Data

Classify Repos

Enable Copilot with Policies

Block Copilot Access

.copilotignore/.gitignore

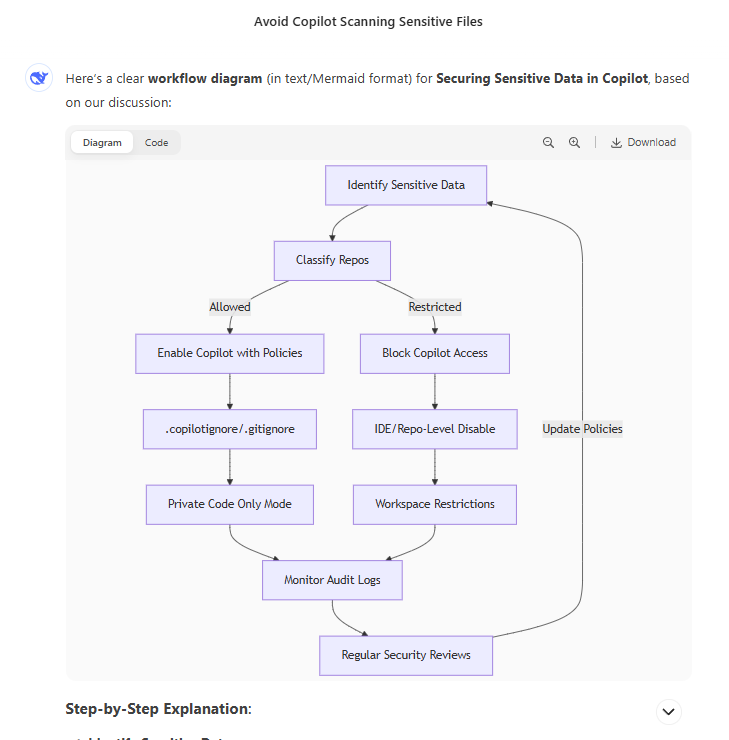
IDE/Repo-Level Disable

Private Code Only Mode

Workspace Restrictions

Monitor Audit Logs

Regular Security Reviews

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**Step-by-Step Explanation**:

1. **Identify Sensitive Data**
   * Scan repos for secrets (e.g., .env, config/, API keys).
   * Use tools like gitleaks or GitHub Secret Scanning.
2. **Classify Repos**
   * **Allowed**: Non-sensitive code (e.g., open-source libs).
   * **Restricted**: Contains secrets/PII/proprietary logic.
3. **Enable Copilot with Policies (Allowed Repos)**
   * Enforce **"Private Code Only"** (Enterprise).
   * Add .copilotignore to exclude residual sensitive files.
4. **Block Copilot Access (Restricted Repos)**
   * **IDE-Level**: Disable Copilot in VS Code/JetBrains.
   * **Repo-Level**: Use GitHub tags to disable Copilot.
5. **Monitor & Improve**
   * Check **GitHub Audit Logs** for copilot\_suggestion\_accepted.
   * Quarterly reviews to update policies.

**Key Controls Summary**:

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│ Control │ Implementation │

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│ Restrict Copilot │ .copilotignore, IDE settings, │

│ Access to Secrets │ repo tags │

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│ Block Public Code │ Enable "Private Code Only" │

│ Suggestions │ (GitHub Enterprise) │

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│ Real-Time Monitoring │ GitHub Audit Logs + Secret Scanning│

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**Visual Workflow**:

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[Identify Secrets] → [Classify Repos] → [Apply Controls]

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[Scan] ← [Audit Logs] ← [Monitor Usage]

Need this in another format (e.g., **PDF/PNG**)? I can generate a visual diagram for you! 🖼️

1. insatlled co-pilot as plugin in ide 2. code checkout 3. we want to secure code sensitive files , inline code which is sensitive 4 . solution ............................ can you start workflow step 1 from step 4 you can put your solution in workflow

Here's a **step-by-step workflow** to secure sensitive code when using GitHub Copilot, starting from your IDE setup:

**Workflow: Secure GitHub Copilot Integration**

**Goal:** Prevent Copilot from accessing/exposing sensitive files and inline code.

Diagram

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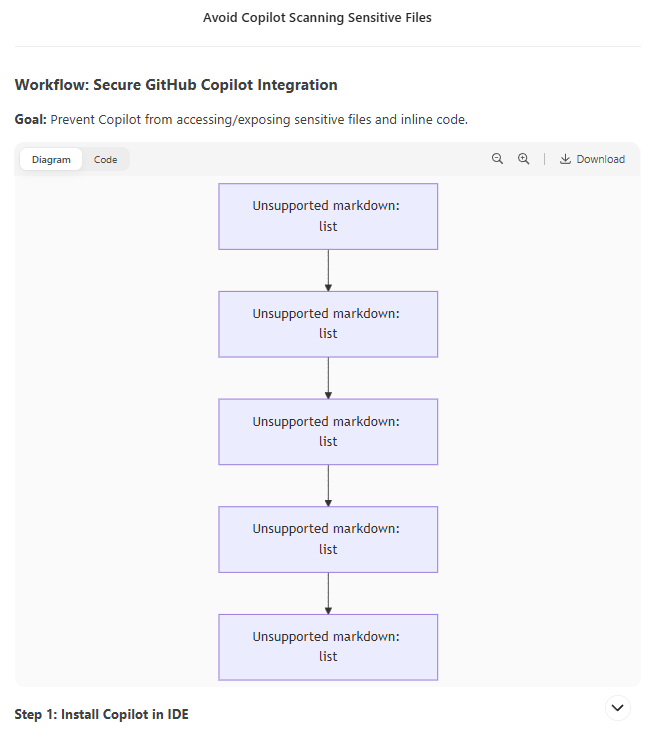
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**Step 1: Install Copilot in IDE**

* Install the Copilot plugin in **VS Code/JetBrains**.
* Ensure your org uses **GitHub Copilot for Business** (for policy controls).

**Step 2: Checkout Code**

* Clone the repository locally.
* Immediately:

bash

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*# Scan for secrets (optional but recommended)*

gitleaks detect --source . -v

**Step 3: Identify Sensitive Files/Code**

* **Tag sensitive files**:
  + Secrets: .env, config/prod/\*.json
  + Proprietary code: algorithms/, internal-libs/
* **Flag risky patterns**:
  + Inline credentials (API\_KEY="xxx").
  + Hardcoded PII/encryption keys.

**Step 4: Apply Security Controls**

**A. File-Level Protection**

1. .copilotignore (or .gitignore):

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# .copilotignore

/secrets/

\*.env

config/\*.json

1. **Restrict Copilot in IDEs**:
   * **VS Code**: Add to settings.json:

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"github.copilot.advanced": {

"exclude": ["\*\*/secrets/\*\*", "\*\*/\*.env"]

}

* + **JetBrains**: Disable Copilot for specific file types.

**B. Inline Code Protection**

1. **Use Snippets for Sensitive Code**:
   * Wrap sensitive code in // copilot:ignore (if supported).
2. **Pre-commit Hooks**:
   * Block commits if secrets are detected:

bash

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pre-commit install

pre-commit add gitleaks

**C. Organization Policies (GitHub Enterprise)**

1. Enable **"Private Code Only"** mode.
2. Disable Copilot for repos tagged sensitive.

**Step 5: Validate & Monitor**

* **Test**: Open a sensitive file → Verify Copilot **does not** suggest code.
* **Audit**: Check GitHub Audit Logs for copilot\_suggestion\_accepted events.
* **Automate**:

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*# Weekly scan for new sensitive files*

gitleaks detect --source . --report-format json --report-path gitleaks.json

**Summary Table: Controls by Risk**

| **Risk Scenario** | **Solution** |
| --- | --- |
| **Sensitive files** | .copilotignore, IDE exclusions |
| **Inline secrets** | Pre-commit hooks, // copilot:ignore |
| **Public code leaks** | "Private Code Only" mode (Enterprise) |
| **Compliance** | Audit logs + quarterly reviews |

**Final Checklist**

✅ **Install Copilot** (with org policies).  
✅ **Scan code** for secrets at checkout.  
✅ **Tag/ignore sensitive files**.  
✅ **Disable Copilot** in high-risk files/IDEs.  
✅ **Monitor usage** via audit logs.

Need a **custom script** to automate any step? Let me know! 🔍

pls. expand security control in workflow with soln

**Expanded Security Controls for GitHub Copilot Workflow**

Here’s a **detailed breakdown** of security controls at each workflow step, with **specific solutions** to prevent sensitive data exposure.

**Workflow: Secure GitHub Copilot Integration**

**1. Install Copilot in IDE**

**Security Controls:**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Unauthorized plugin use | Enforce **organization-wide IDE configs** | Push settings.json via **MDM** (e.g., Intune) or **dotfiles repo**: |

json

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"github.copilot.enable": false, *// Default OFF*

"github.copilot.advanced": {

"privateCode": true, *// Enterprise-only*

"exclude": ["\*\*/secrets/\*\*"]

}

| Malicious plugins | Restrict IDE extensions | Use **VS Code Policies** or **JetBrains Plugin Blacklist**. |

**2. Checkout Code**

**Security Controls:**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Secrets in repo history | Pre-checkout scan | Run **pre-receive hook** on Git server: |

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gitleaks protect --staged -v

| Copilot accessing ignored files | Enforce .copilotignore | Add to repo root:

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# .copilotignore

\*\*/.env

\*\*/secrets/\*

\*\*/prod-config.yaml

**3. Identify Sensitive Files/Code**

**Security Controls:**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Manual errors in tagging | Automated classification | Use **repo labels** + **path-based rules**: |

yaml

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*# .github/labels.yml*

copilot:

allowed:

- "src/utils/\*\*"

restricted:

- "\*\*/secrets/\*"

| Secrets in code | Real-time detection | Integrate **GitHub Advanced Security** or **SonarQube**. |

**4. Apply Security Controls**

**A. File-Level Protection**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Copilot scanning .env | IDE exclusions | **VS Code**: |

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"files.watcherExclude": {

"\*\*/.env": true

}

| Accidental file opens | Workspace trust | Mark sensitive dirs as **"Restricted"** in VS Code. |

**B. Inline Code Protection**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Secrets in suggestions | Pre-commit hooks | Use **Husky** + **gitleaks**: |

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npx husky add .husky/pre-commit "gitleaks protect"

| Copilot leaking PII | Code obfuscation | Wrap sensitive code in:

python

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*# copilot:ignore-start*

API\_KEY = "123-456-789" *# Will NOT be suggested*

*# copilot:ignore-end*

**C. Organization Policies**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Public code suggestions | Enterprise mode | Enable in **GitHub Settings → Copilot**: |

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Private Code Only: ON

Public Suggestions: OFF

| Rogue repos | Centralized enforcement | Use **GitHub Organization Rules**:

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*# .github/copilot-policy.yml*

repos:

- name: "\*"

copilot:

enabled: false

- name: "safe-libs/\*"

copilot:

enabled: true

**5. Validate & Monitor**

**Security Controls:**

| **Risk** | **Solution** | **Implementation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Policy bypass | Audit logs | Query GitHub API: |

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gh api /orgs/{org}/audit-log --jq '.actions[] | select(.action == "copilot\_suggestion\_accepted")'

| New sensitive files | Scheduled scans | Add to **GitHub Actions**:

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*# .github/workflows/secret-scan.yml*

on: schedule: [weekly]

jobs:

scan:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- uses: gitleaks/gitleaks-action@v2

**Summary: Key Security Solutions**

**Technical Controls**

* .copilotignore + .gitignore → Block file scanning.
* **IDE exclusions** → Disable Copilot for sensitive paths.
* **Pre-commit hooks** → Block secrets in commits.

**Policy Controls**

* **"Private Code Only"** → Disable public suggestions.
* **Organization rules** → Centralize repo-level policies.

**Monitoring**

* **Audit logs** → Track Copilot usage.
* **Scheduled scans** → Detect new risks.

**Final Workflow Diagram**

Diagram

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Enforce IDE configs

Scan with gitleaks

.copilotignore + IDE rules

Audit + Scans

Update policies

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Need **code snippets** or **policy templates** for any step? Let me know! 🔐

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Here's a **simplified text-based workflow diagram** that works in all Markdown environments, including those that don't support Mermaid:

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│ 1. Install Copilot │

│ - Enforce org IDE │

│ configurations │

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│ 2. Checkout Code │

│ - Pre-scan with │

│ gitleaks │

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│ 3. Identify Sensitive │

│ Files/Code │

│ - Tag repos/files │

│ - Mark restricted │

│ areas │

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│ 4. Apply Controls │

│ - .copilotignore │

│ - IDE exclusions │

│ - Pre-commit hooks │

│ - Org policies │

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│ 5. Validate & Monitor │

│ - Audit logs │

│ - Scheduled scans │

│ - Policy reviews │

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│ Feedback Loop: │

│ Update policies/tools │

│ based on findings │

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**Key to Symbols**:

* ┌ ┐ └ ┘ = Process steps
* ┬ ┴ = Workflow direction
* ─ = Connection between steps

For platforms that support ASCII art, this provides a clear visual workflow. Would you like me to adapt this further for a specific platform (e.g., Confluence, Jira)?

can you give structure of Use case for example -- Use case subject , problem description , intent , finaly applying wht will be benefits

Here's a structured **use case template** for securing GitHub Copilot in your organization, with an example:

**Use Case: Secure GitHub Copilot Integration**

**1. Use Case Subject**

**Title**: Preventing Sensitive Data Exposure via GitHub Copilot  
**Actors**:

* Developers
* Security Team
* DevOps/Platform Engineers

**2. Problem Description**

* **Risk**: Copilot may inadvertently:
  + Suggest sensitive code (e.g., hardcoded secrets, PII).
  + Process restricted files (e.g., .env, config/prod/\*).
* **Current State**:
  + No guardrails to block Copilot from scanning sensitive repos/files.
  + Developers manually avoid Copilot in sensitive projects (error-prone).

**3. Intent (Goal)**

Implement technical and policy controls to:

* Block Copilot from accessing sensitive files/code.
* Prevent secrets/PII from appearing in suggestions.
* Maintain audit trails of Copilot usage.

**4. Applied Solutions**

| **Control Type** | **Specific Implementation** |
| --- | --- |
| **File Exclusion** | .copilotignore, IDE path exclusions |
| **Inline Protection** | // copilot:ignore tags, pre-commit hooks |
| **Policy Enforcement** | GitHub Enterprise "Private Code Only" mode |
| **Monitoring** | Audit logs, scheduled gitleaks scans |

**5. Benefits**

| **Benefit Area** | **Outcome** |
| --- | --- |
| **Security** | Zero sensitive data leaked via Copilot. |
| **Compliance** | Meets GDPR/HIPAA requirements for code. |
| **Productivity** | Developers use Copilot safely in allowed areas. |
| **Auditability** | Track all Copilot usage via GitHub logs. |

**Example Scenario**

**Situation**: A developer works on a repo containing AWS keys in config/prod/credentials.json.

**Without Controls**:

* Copilot suggests code with similar credentials.
* Risk of committing exposed keys.

**With Controls**:

1. .copilotignore blocks scanning of config/prod/\*.
2. Pre-commit hook rejects commits with secrets.
3. Audit log alerts security team if Copilot is used in restricted files.

**Outcome**:

* Keys never reach Copilot’s AI model.
* Compliance reports show full control.

**Use Case Structure Summary**

1. **Subject**: What/who is involved?
2. **Problem**: What risks exist today?
3. **Intent**: What do you want to achieve?
4. **Solution**: How will you fix it?
5. **Benefits**: Quantifiable improvements.

Need this tailored to a **specific compliance framework** (e.g., SOC 2, ISO 27001)? I can add those mappings!

can you describe more than gitleaks

Certainly! While **Gitleaks** is a popular tool for secret detection, there are several other robust solutions—each with unique strengths. Below is a detailed comparison of **Gitleaks** and **5 alternatives**, including their best use cases, pros/cons, and integration workflows.

**1. Gitleaks**

**Purpose**: Detect hardcoded secrets (API keys, passwords, tokens) in Git repos.  
**How It Works**:

* Scans commits, branches, or files using regex patterns.
* Supports pre-commit hooks and CI/CD pipelines.

**Example**:

bash

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gitleaks detect --source . --report-format json --exit-code 1

**Pros**:  
✅ Lightweight, fast, and easy to integrate.  
✅ Custom rules via gitleaks.toml.

**Cons**:  
❌ Limited to Git-based projects.  
❌ No built-in remediation (only detection).

**Best For**: Small teams needing quick secret scanning in Git repos.

**2. TruffleHog**

**Purpose**: Deep scans Git history and files for high-entropy strings (e.g., AWS keys).  
**Key Feature**: Checks for **entropy** (randomness) to reduce false positives.

**Example**:

bash

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trufflehog git --repo https://github.com/your/repo --json

**Pros**:  
✅ Detects secrets in **binary files** and Git history.  
✅ Integrates with GitHub Actions, GitLab CI.

**Cons**:  
❌ Slower than Gitleaks (deep scans).  
❌ Higher false positives for encrypted data.

**Best For**: Teams needing deep historical scans (e.g., auditing old repos).

**3. GitGuardian**

**Purpose**: Enterprise-grade secret detection with monitoring and remediation.  
**Key Features**:

* Real-time monitoring of public/private repos.
* Automated revocation of exposed secrets (e.g., AWS keys).

**Workflow**:

1. Connect to GitHub/GitLab/Bitbucket.
2. Get alerts for leaks via Slack, email, or dashboard.

**Pros**:  
✅ **Remediation** (auto-revoke secrets via APIs).  
✅ Supports **public repos** (monitors GitHub leaks).

**Cons**:  
❌ Paid for full features (free tier limited).

**Best For**: Enterprises needing compliance (SOC 2, HIPAA) and remediation.

**4. AWS Secrets Manager + Git Hooks**

**Purpose**: Prevent secrets from being committed by storing them in a vault.

**How It Works**:

* Developers fetch secrets via AWS CLI/SDK:

bash

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aws secretsmanager get-secret-value --secret-id prod/api-key

* Use **pre-commit hooks** to block commits containing secrets.

**Pros**:  
✅ **Zero secrets in code** (env vars/vaults only).  
✅ Native integration with AWS services.

**Cons**:  
❌ AWS lock-in; no multi-cloud support.

**Best For**: AWS-centric teams with strict secret hygiene.

**5. SpectralOps**

**Purpose**: Detect secrets, misconfigurations, and IaC risks.  
**Key Feature**: Scans **beyond Git** (e.g., Jira, Confluence, Slack logs).

**Example**:

bash

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spectral scan --text "AWS\_ACCESS\_KEY\_ID=AKIAEXAMPLE"

**Pros**:  
✅ Broad coverage (APIs, docs, cloud storage).  
✅ Custom detectors for proprietary patterns.

**Cons**:  
❌ Overkill for small teams.

**Best For**: DevSecOps teams securing entire SDLC.

**6. GitHub Advanced Security (GHAS)**

**Purpose**: Native GitHub secret scanning + code vulnerability detection.  
**Key Features**:

* Scans **all pushes** for 200+ secret patterns (e.g., Slack tokens).
* Alerts in GitHub UI or via webhooks.

**Setup**:

1. Enable in **GitHub repo settings** > Security > Code security.

**Pros**:  
✅ No additional tools needed (built into GitHub).  
✅ Free for public repos; paid for private.

**Cons**:  
❌ GitHub-only (no GitLab/Bitbucket).

**Best For**: GitHub-native teams wanting low-maintenance scanning.

**Comparison Table**

| **Tool** | **Git Scan** | **Real-Time** | **Remediation** | **Cloud/Vault Integration** | **Best For** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gitleaks** | ✅ | ❌ | ❌ | ❌ | Lightweight Git scanning |
| **TruffleHog** | ✅ | ❌ | ❌ | ❌ | Deep Git history audits |
| **GitGuardian** | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ (AWS, GCP, etc.) | Enterprise compliance |
| **AWS Secrets** | ❌ | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ (AWS-only) | AWS shops |
| **SpectralOps** | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ | ✅ | Full SDLC coverage |
| **GitHub GHAS** | ✅ | ✅ | ❌ | ❌ | GitHub-native teams |

**Recommendation by Scenario**

1. **Pre-Commit Hooks**: Use **Gitleaks** (fast) or **TruffleHog** (thorough).
2. **CI/CD Pipelines**: **GitGuardian** or **GHAS** (native integrations).
3. **Compliance Needs**: **GitGuardian** (remediation) or **SpectralOps** (broad coverage).
4. **AWS Users**: **AWS Secrets Manager** + hooks.

Need help **integrating** any of these? I can provide sample configs! 🛠️

how we will Monitoring Audit logs, scheduled gitleaks scans explain Monitoring - Audit logs how to acheive

**Monitoring GitHub Copilot Usage via Audit Logs**

To ensure Copilot isn’t accessing sensitive data, **audit logs** provide visibility into user actions. Here’s how to implement it:

**1. Enable GitHub Audit Logs (Enterprise/Organization)**

**Steps**:

1. Go to **GitHub Organization Settings** → **Audit Log**.
2. Filter for action:copilot events:
   * copilot\_suggestion\_accepted
   * copilot\_chat\_used
3. Export logs for analysis (CSV/JSON).

**Key Fields to Monitor**:

| **Field** | **Purpose** |
| --- | --- |
| actor | Who used Copilot? |
| repo | Which repository was active? |
| file\_path | Was a sensitive file open? |

**Example Query** (GitHub API):

bash

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curl -H "Authorization: token YOUR\_TOKEN" \

"https://api.github.com/orgs/YOUR\_ORG/audit-log?phrase=action:copilot"

**2. Set Up Alerts for Suspicious Activity**

**Tools**:

* **GitHub Webhooks**: Send audit logs to SIEM (e.g., Splunk, Datadog).
* **GitHub Actions**: Trigger alerts for high-risk events.

**Example Workflow** (.github/workflows/copilot-monitor.yml):

yaml

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name: Copilot Usage Alert

on:

schedule:

- cron: '0 9 \* \* \*' *# Daily at 9 AM*

jobs:

audit:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- name: Check for Copilot in restricted repos

run: |

gh api /orgs/YOUR\_ORG/audit-log \

--jq '.entries[] | select(.action == "copilot\_suggestion\_accepted" and .repo == "restricted-repo")' \

&& echo "ALERT: Copilot used in restricted repo!" >> $GITHUB\_STEP\_SUMMARY

**3. Scheduled Gitleaks Scans**

**Purpose**: Detect secrets that Copilot might have processed.

**Implementation**:

1. **Daily Scans** (GitHub Actions):

yaml

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name: Secret Scan

on:

schedule:

- cron: '0 0 \* \* \*' *# Midnight UTC*

jobs:

scan:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- uses: actions/checkout@v4

- uses: gitleaks/gitleaks-action@v2

with:

config-path: .gitleaks.toml

1. **Custom Rules** (.gitleaks.toml):

toml

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title = "Custom Secret Detection"

[[rules]]

description = "AWS Access Key"

regex = '''AKIA[0-9A-Z]{16}'''

**Key Monitoring Workflow**

Diagram

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Export

Schedule

GitHub Audit Logs

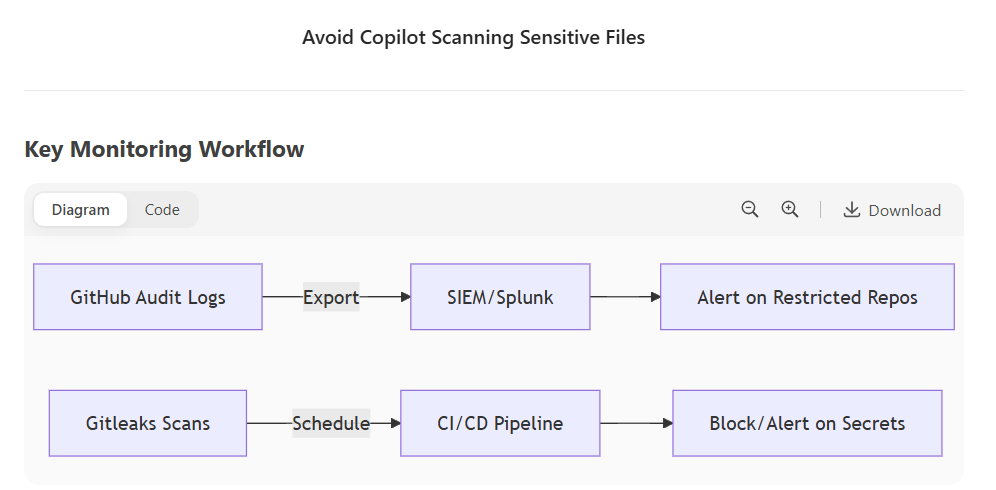
SIEM/Splunk

Alert on Restricted Repos

Gitleaks Scans

CI/CD Pipeline

Block/Alert on Secrets

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**Benefits**

* **Real-time detection** of Copilot misuse.
* **Historical tracking** for compliance (SOC 2, ISO 27001).
* **Automated blocking** of secrets via CI/CD.

Need **sample SIEM queries** or **custom alert rules**? Let me know! 🔍

can you give do's and dont's to secure from any AI , LLM , Github Copilot etc ..... so corporate secure their environment .....

**Corporate AI/LLM/Copilot Security: Ultimate Do’s & Don’ts**

To prevent data leaks, compliance violations, and misuse of AI tools like GitHub Copilot, follow these **best practices** and **red lines**.

**✅ DO’s: Proactive Security Measures**

**1. Access Control & Policies**

* **Do enforce strict role-based access** (RBAC):
  + Only allow AI tools for employees who need them.
  + Use **SSO/MFA** for AI tool logins (e.g., GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT Enterprise).
* **Do create an AI usage policy**:
  + Define approved tools (e.g., "Only Copilot Business Edition").
  + Ban shadow AI (e.g., personal ChatGPT accounts).

**2. Data Protection**

* **Do block AI from sensitive data**:
  + Use .copilotignore (GitHub Copilot) or **file/folder exclusions** in IDE settings.
  + For LLMs (ChatGPT, Claude), **disable training/data retention** (e.g., OpenAI’s "No Training" mode).
* **Do use secrets management**:
  + Store API keys/tokens in **vaults (AWS Secrets Manager, HashiCorp Vault)** – *never in code*.

**3. Monitoring & Compliance**

* **Do log all AI tool usage**:
  + Export **audit logs** (GitHub Audit Log, ChatGPT Enterprise logs) to SIEM (Splunk, Datadog).
  + Set alerts for:
    - Copilot usage in restricted repos.
    - Large data uploads to LLMs (e.g., >1MB to ChatGPT).
* **Do regular scans**:
  + Use **Gitleaks/TruffleHog** weekly to detect secrets in code.
  + Scan Slack/Jira for accidental AI-pasted sensitive data.

**4. Training & Awareness**

* **Do train employees**:
  + "Never paste proprietary code into public LLMs (ChatGPT, Bard)."
  + "Always review AI suggestions before accepting."
* **Do simulate phishing/red-team exercises**:
  + Test if employees leak data via AI tools.

**❌ DON’Ts: Critical Risks to Avoid**

**1. Never Allow Unvetted AI Tools**

* **Don’t let employees use personal AI accounts** (e.g., free ChatGPT).
* **Don’t allow public LLMs in secure environments** (e.g., devs pasting code into ChatGPT).

**2. Never Ignore Data Retention Risks**

* **Don’t let AI tools store sensitive data**:
  + ChatGPT/Copilot may retain inputs for training (opt out in settings).
* **Don’t use AI for regulated data** (PII, PHI, PCI) without legal review.

**3. Never Skip Technical Controls**

* **Don’t assume employees will self-police**:
  + Enforce **pre-commit hooks** (e.g., block commits with secrets).
  + Disable Copilot in **restricted repos** (via .copilotignore or IDE settings).
* **Don’t rely on built-in security alone**:
  + Combine **GitHub Advanced Security** + **third-party scanners** (e.g., GitGuardian).

**4. Never Delay Incident Response**

* **Don’t wait for leaks to happen**:
  + Have a **playbook** for AI-related breaches (e.g., revoke exposed keys).
* **Don’t ignore false negatives**:
  + Regularly update **secret-detection rules** (e.g., new API key formats).

**🚨 Emergency Response Plan**

If sensitive data is exposed via AI:

1. **Revoke** compromised credentials (API keys, tokens).
2. **Delete** offending data from AI platforms (e.g., OpenAI data removal request).
3. **Audit** logs to determine scope.
4. **Update** policies/controls to prevent recurrence.

**Summary Table: AI Security Checklist**

| **Category** | **Do’s** | **Don’ts** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Access Control** | Use SSO/MFA; restrict AI tools | Allow personal AI accounts |
| **Data Handling** | Block AI from secrets; use vaults | Paste code into public LLMs |
| **Monitoring** | Log usage; scan for secrets | Assume built-in security is enough |
| **Training** | Regular workshops + phishing tests | Ignore human-factor risks |

**Tools to Implement**

* **Access Control**: [Okta](https://www.okta.com/), [Azure AD](https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/products/active-directory/)
* **Secrets Management**: [HashiCorp Vault](https://www.vaultproject.io/), [AWS Secrets Manager](https://aws.amazon.com/secrets-manager/)
* **Monitoring**: [Splunk](https://www.splunk.com/), [GitGuardian](https://www.gitguardian.com/)
* **Training**: [KnowBe4](https://www.knowbe4.com/), [Curricula](https://www.curricula.com/)

Need a **custom policy template** or **SIEM query examples**? Let me know! 🔐

what is they on prem llm, AI do these do's and don't are same or extra effort we should take

**On-Premises AI/LLM Security: Extra Do’s & Don’ts**

When deploying **on-premises AI/LLMs** (e.g., Llama 2, GPT-NeoX, Mistral), follow the **same corporate rules** as cloud AI tools *plus* these **additional measures**.

**✅ Extra DO’s for On-Prem AI/LLMs**

**1. Infrastructure Hardening**

* **Do isolate the AI cluster** in a **DMZ or air-gapped network** (if handling sensitive data).
* **Do enforce TLS/mTLS** for all internal API calls (e.g., between vector DB and LLM).
* **Do use GPU firewalls** (e.g., NVIDIA Morpheus) to detect anomalous model queries.

**2. Model & Data Governance**

* **Do vet training data** for:
  + PII/PHI (use **synthetic data** where possible).
  + Copyrighted/licensed material (avoid legal risks).
* **Do version-control models** (e.g., track llama-2-13b-v3) and **sign artifacts** (to prevent tampering).

**3. Access & Monitoring**

* **Do implement model-specific RBAC**:
  + Example: Only **data scientists** can fine-tune, **devs** can only query.
* **Do log all inference requests** (who queried what, when, and why).
  + Tools: **Elasticsearch + Kibana**, **Splunk**, or **OpenObserve**.

**4. Compliance & Red-Teaming**

* **Do conduct bias/fairness audits** (for regulated industries).
* **Do simulate adversarial attacks** (e.g., prompt injections, model theft).

**❌ Extra DON’Ts for On-Prem AI/LLMs**

**1. Never Assume "On-Prem = Secure"**

* **Don’t skip patching** (e.g., CUDA drivers, model servers).
* **Don’t allow unencrypted model weights** (encrypt at rest/in transit).

**2. Never Over-Provision Access**

* **Don’t let devs self-serve GPU nodes** without approval.
* **Don’t use default credentials** (e.g., JupyterLab admin:password).

**3. Never Ignore Model Risks**

* **Don’t deploy untested fine-tunes** (validate outputs for hallucinations/leaks).
* **Don’t forget export controls** (e.g., some LLMs are ITAR-restricted).

**🔧 Key Tools for On-Prem AI Security**

| **Category** | **Tools/Technologies** |
| --- | --- |
| **Infrastructure** | Kubernetes (with Istio), NVIDIA Triton, Seldon Core |
| **Monitoring** | Prometheus + Grafana, OpenTelemetry |
| **Access Control** | Keycloak, Open Policy Agent (OPA) |
| **Data Privacy** | PySyft (for federated learning), Homomorphic Encryption |

**Workflow: Securing On-Prem LLMs**

Diagram

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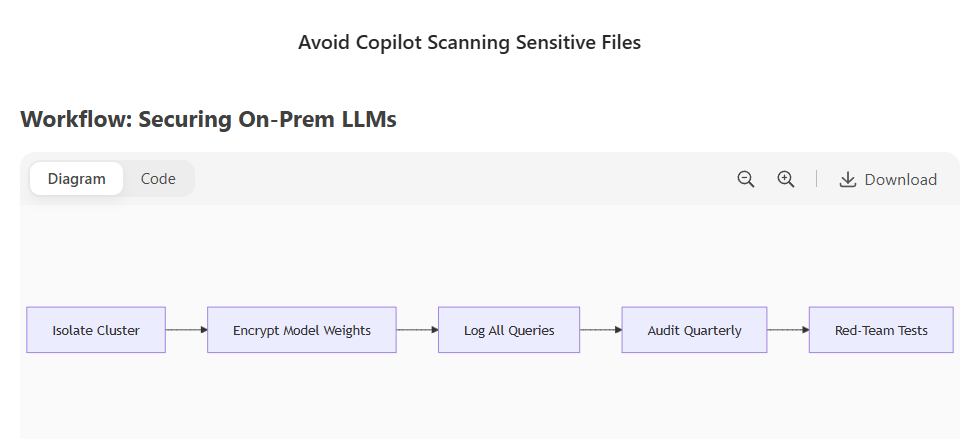
Isolate Cluster

Encrypt Model Weights

Log All Queries

Audit Quarterly

Red-Team Tests

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**When On-Prem ≠ Safer Than Cloud**

* **If you lack ML expertise**, cloud AI (e.g., Azure OpenAI) may be *more secure* due to vendor compliance (SOC 2, HIPAA).
* **If compliance is critical**, hybrid (cloud API + on-prem data) often works best.

Need a **checklist for deploying Llama 2 securely**? Let me know! 🛡️

This response is AI-generated, for reference only.

can we automate these policies do's and dont's so can proactive or atlesat audit and log

**Automating AI/LLM/Copilot Security Policies**

To **proactively enforce** Do’s & Don’ts and ensure compliance, automate these policies using **Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC)**, **CI/CD guards**, and **real-time monitoring**.

**1. Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC) for AI/LLM**

**Tool**: Terraform, Ansible, or Kubernetes OPA/Gatekeeper.  
**What to Automate**:

* **Isolate AI workloads** in dedicated VPCs/subnets.
* **Encrypt model weights/data** at rest (e.g., AWS KMS, HashiCorp Vault).
* **Enforce TLS/mTLS** for internal AI service communication.

**Example (Terraform)**:

hcl

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resource "aws\_vpc" "ai\_vpc" {

cidr\_block = "10.0.0.0/16"

tags = { Name = "air-gapped-ai-cluster" }

}

resource "aws\_kms\_key" "model\_encryption" {

description = "Encrypts Llama 2 model weights"

}

**2. CI/CD Pipeline Guards**

**Tool**: Git Hooks, GitHub Actions, GitLab CI.  
**What to Automate**:

* **Block secrets** in code (pre-commit hooks).
* **Prevent Copilot in restricted repos** (path-based rules).
* **Scan training data** for PII before model fine-tuning.

**Example (GitHub Actions)**:

yaml

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name: AI Security Checks

on: [push, pull\_request]

jobs:

secrets\_scan:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- uses: gitleaks/gitleaks-action@v2

copilot\_audit:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- uses: actions/checkout@v4

- run: |

if grep -r "github.copilot.advanced" .github/; then

echo "❌ Copilot enabled in restricted repo!"

exit 1

fi

**3. Real-Time Monitoring & Alerts**

**Tool**: Prometheus + Grafana, OpenTelemetry, SIEM (Splunk, Datadog).  
**What to Automate**:

* **Log all LLM queries** (who, when, input/output).
* **Alert on anomalous activity** (e.g., 100+ queries/hr from one user).
* **Detect policy violations** (e.g., unencrypted model weights).

**Example (OpenTelemetry + Prometheus)**:

python

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from opentelemetry import metrics

metrics.set\_meter\_provider(...)

llm\_queries = metrics.get\_meter("llm").create\_counter(

"llm\_queries",

description="Count of LLM queries by user"

)

*# Log each query*

llm\_queries.add(1, {"user": user\_id, "model": "llama-2"})

**4. Automated Compliance Audits**

**Tool**: Chef InSpec, AWS Config, Custom Scripts.  
**What to Automate**:

* **Weekly checks** for unpatched AI containers (e.g., CUDA drivers).
* **Validate RBAC** (e.g., "Only data scientists can fine-tune").
* **Export compliance reports** (SOC 2, HIPAA).

**Example (Chef InSpec)**:

ruby

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control 'ai-1' do

impact 1.0

title 'Verify model encryption'

describe file('/models/llama-2/weights.bin') do

it { should be\_encrypted }

end

end

**5. Self-Healing Policies**

**Tool**: Kubernetes Operators, AWS Lambda.  
**What to Automate**:

* **Revoke access** if a user violates policies (e.g., querying PII).
* **Quarantine models** if biases/hallucinations are detected.

**Example (Kubernetes Operator)**:

go

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func (r \*AIModelReconciler) Reconcile() {

if modelHasPII() {

r.QuarantineModel("llama-2-13b")

}

}

**Workflow: End-to-End Automation**

Diagram

Code

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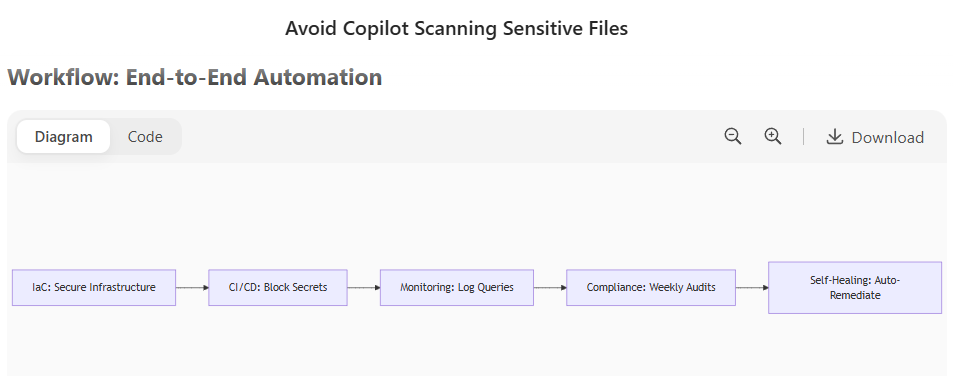
IaC: Secure Infrastructure

CI/CD: Block Secrets

Monitoring: Log Queries

Compliance: Weekly Audits

Self-Healing: Auto-Remediate



**Key Tools Summary**

| **Category** | **Tools** |
| --- | --- |
| **Infrastructure** | Terraform, K8s OPA, Ansible |
| **CI/CD** | GitHub Actions, GitLab CI |
| **Monitoring** | Prometheus, OpenTelemetry |
| **Compliance** | Chef InSpec, AWS Config |
| **Self-Healing** | K8s Operators, AWS Lambda |

**What Can’t Be Automated?**

* **Ethics reviews** (e.g., bias/fairness checks).
* **Legal approvals** (e.g., data licensing).
* **Human red-teaming** (adversarial testing).

Need **sample code** for a specific tool? Ask for:

* "Terraform for air-gapped AI clusters"
* "GitHub Actions to block Copilot in /secrets/"
* "OpenTelemetry LLM query tracking"

Automation turns policies from **"recommendations"** to **"unbreakable rules"**! 🤖