## **DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

# **Overview**

The Company processes the personal data of employees, customers, stakeholders and other interested parties. The Company’s commitment to treat personal data with the utmost care and confidentiality.

This policy sets out the Company’s commitment to ensuring that any personal data which the Company processes, is carried out in compliance with data protection laws. The Company ensures that good data protection practice is imbedded in the culture of our staff and our organisation.

# **Purpose**

The purpose of this data protection policy is to ensure that the Company gathers, stores and handles data fairly, transparently and with respect towards individual rights.

# **Scope**

This policy applies to all parties (employees, job candidates, customers, suppliers etc.) who provide any amount of information or data to us.

### **Who is covered under the Data Protection Policy?**

Employees of our company and its subsidiaries must follow this policy. Contractors, consultants, partners and any other external entity are also covered. Generally, our policy refers to anyone we collaborate with or acts on our behalf and may need occasional access to data.

# **Policy Elements**

As part of our operations, we need to obtain and process information. This information includes any offline or online data that makes a person identifiable such as names, addresses, usernames and passwords, digital footprints, photographs, social security numbers, financial data etc.

Our company collects this information in a transparent way and only with the full cooperation and knowledge of interested parties. Once this information is available to us, the following rules apply.

Our data will be:

* Accurate and kept up-to-date
* Collected fairly and for lawful purposes only
* Processed by the company within its legal and moral boundaries
* Protected against any unauthorized or illegal access by internal or external parties

Our data will not be:

* Communicated informally
* Stored for more than a specified amount of time
* Transferred to organizations, states or countries that do not have adequate data protection policies
* Distributed to any party other than the ones agreed upon by the data's owner (exempting legitimate requests from law enforcement authorities)

In addition to ways of handling the data the Company has direct obligations towards people to whom the data belongs. Specifically we must:

* Let people know which of their data is collected
* Inform people about how we will process their data
* Inform people about who has access to their information
* Have provisions in cases of lost, corrupted or compromised data
* Allow people to request that we modify, erase, reduce or correct data contained in our databases

# **Actions**

To exercise data protection we are committed to:

* Restrict and monitor access to sensitive data
* Develop transparent data collection procedures
* Train employees in online privacy and security measures
* Build secure networks to protect online data from [cyberattacks](https://resources.workable.com/cyber-security-policy)
* Establish clear procedures for reporting privacy breaches or data misuse
* Include contract clauses or communicate statements on how we handle data
* Establish data protection practices (document shredding, secure locks, data encryption, frequent backups, access authorization etc.)

Our data protection provisions will appear on our website.

# **Disciplinary Consequences**

All principles described in this policy must be strictly followed. A breach of data protection guidelines will invoke disciplinary and possibly legal action.