

Connecticut Data Privacy Act (CTDPA) - Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 42-470 et seq.

CTDPA

The Connecticut Data Privacy Act is a state law that governs businesses' collection, processing, and protection of residents' personal data.

What it is

The Connecticut Data Privacy Act (CTDPA) is a comprehensive state data privacy regulation that helps organizations manage the collection, processing, and protection of personal data for residents of Connecticut. Its primary purpose is to enhance consumer privacy rights and set clear obligations for businesses handling personal information.

Enacted by the Connecticut legislature and enforced by the state Attorney General, the CTDPA applies to businesses that control or process the personal data of large numbers of Connecticut residents. The law covers key areas such as consumer data rights, consent management, data minimization, cybersecurity measures, and compliance oversight, aligning with trends in U.S. state privacy legislation.

At a glance

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Connecticut Office of the Attorney General

TYPE

Regulation

VERSION

Connecticut Data Privacy Act (Public Act No. 22-15)

EFFECTIVE

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DOMAIN

Privacy

FAMILY

Global Privacy Regulations

REGION

Connecticut

ADOPTION MODEL

Regulatory Compliance

IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY

High

Source: <https://portal.ct.gov/ag/sections/privacy/the-connecticut-data-privacy-act>

Why it matters

- **Advance privacy governance** Support the development of comprehensive data policies and procedures to manage personal information responsibly and ethically.
- **Enhance regulatory alignment** Enable organizations to align data protection practices with leading U.S. state privacy laws and evolving legal expectations.
- **Strengthen consumer trust** Foster transparency and accountability through clear privacy notices and effective responses to consumer data rights requests.
- **Protect sensitive information** Reduce risks associated with unauthorized access or disclosure by implementing robust cybersecurity and data minimization controls.

How SmartSuite supports CTDPA

Processing Inventory and Purpose Controls Document data categories, purposes, sharing, retention, and safeguards.	Consumer Rights Workflows Manage access, correction, deletion, portability, and opt-out requests end-to-end.	Data Protection Assessments Run assessments for higher-risk processing and track mitigations and approvals.
Processor and Vendor Oversight Manage processor contracts, safeguards, and monitoring evidence.	Safeguard and Incident Response Documentation Track safeguards and incident response documentation tied to personal data risks.	Accountability Reporting Report request performance, open actions, and compliance posture across teams.

Common framework mappings

[APEC PF](#)

[LGPD](#)

[CCPA/CPRA](#)

[CPA \(CO\)](#)

[GDPR](#)

[ISO 27701](#)

[NIST Privacy Framework v1.0](#)

[VCDPA](#)

Official resources

Connecticut Data Privacy Act Text Official legal text of the Connecticut Data Privacy Act as enacted by the state legislature. portal.ct.gov/ag/sections/privacy/the-connecticut-data-privacy-act	Connecticut General Assembly Privacy Page Provides information and legislative details about Connecticut privacy laws. cga.ct.gov/2022/ACT/PA/PDF/2022PA-00015-R00SB-00006-PA.PDF
Connecticut Attorney General's Privacy Protection Guidance Outlines guidance and resources for compliance with Connecticut privacy laws. portal.ct.gov/ag/sections/privacy/the-privacy-and-data-security-department	Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection Describes consumer rights and protections under Connecticut's data privacy laws. portal.ct.gov/dcp

Frequently asked questions

What is the Connecticut Data Privacy Act (CTDPA) used for? The CTDPA is designed to strengthen consumer privacy rights and establish clear data protection obligations for organizations handling the personal information of Connecticut residents. It governs the collection, processing, and safeguarding of personal data, ensuring enhanced transparency and consumer control over their information.
Is compliance with the CTDPA mandatory? Yes, compliance with the CTDPA is mandatory for organizations that meet specified thresholds for collecting or processing personal data of Connecticut residents. The law is enforced by the Connecticut Attorney General, and non-compliance can result in regulatory action and penalties.
Who does the CTDPA apply to? The CTDPA applies to businesses that control or process the personal data of at least 100,000 Connecticut residents annually (excluding payment transaction data) or derive over 25% of their gross revenue from selling personal data of at least 25,000 residents. Certain entities, such as government bodies and financial institutions subject to GLBA, are exempt.
What are the key concepts and compliance artifacts required by the CTDPA? Key concepts under the CTDPA include data controllers and processors, consumer rights (such as access, deletion, and portability), and requirements for data protection impact assessments (DPIAs). Critical compliance artifacts include privacy notices, data inventories, records of processing activities, risk assessments, and breach notification processes.

How do organizations implement the CTDPA?

Organizations implement the CTDPA by updating their privacy policies, mapping and inventorying data flows, performing DPIAs, strengthening security controls like encryption and access management, and establishing robust processes for handling consumer rights requests. Ongoing staff training and vendor oversight are also necessary for effective compliance.

How does the CTDPA compare to other privacy laws like the CCPA or VCDPA?

The CTDPA shares similarities with other U.S. state privacy laws such as the CCPA and VCDPA, particularly around consumer rights and data controller/processor distinctions. However, scope thresholds, definitions of sensitive data, and specific obligations may differ, requiring tailored compliance strategies for each jurisdiction.

What are the ongoing compliance requirements of the CTDPA?

Organizations must maintain up-to-date records, regularly conduct risk and DPIA assessments, monitor data processing activities, and ensure timely responses to consumer requests. Periodic review and revision of privacy practices, vendor contracts, and security measures are essential to sustain compliance.

How would SmartSuite support the Connecticut Data Privacy Act (CTDPA)?

SmartSuite enables organizations to operationalize CTDPA compliance by providing tools for risk tracking, mapping statutory requirements to controls, managing policies, and collecting evidence of compliance activities. It facilitates audit readiness through workflow automation, monitoring, and reporting, and helps track consumer request fulfillment, remediation tasks, and ongoing compliance metrics across the privacy program.

License included / downloadable: Yes The Connecticut Data Privacy Act is state legislation and is publicly available through official government sources.

Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/connecticut-data-privacy-act-ctdpa