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Illinois Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530)

Illinois PIPA is a state law requiring businesses to protect personal information and notify individuals of data breaches.

PIPA

What it is

The Illinois Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) is a state-level data protection regulation that helps organizations safeguard the personal information of Illinois residents and respond to data breaches. PIPA establishes mandatory requirements for the security of sensitive data and outlines obligations for breach notification to affected individuals.

The Act is published by the Illinois General Assembly and applies to any entity—public or private—that collects, stores, or processes personal information of Illinois residents. It covers a broad range of data protection practices, including reasonable cybersecurity measures, reporting cybersecurity incidents, and ensuring consumer privacy. PIPA aligns with broader privacy and cybersecurity laws and is often considered alongside federal regulations such as GLBA and HIPAA.

At a glance

PUBLISHER Illinois General Assembly	TYPE Regulation	VERSION 2006 (with 2022 amendments)
EFFECTIVE January 1, 2006	DOMAIN Privacy	FAMILY Global Privacy Regulations
REGION Illinois	ADOPTION MODEL Regulatory Compliance	IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY Moderate

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Why it matters

- **Strengthen data protection practices** Establish baseline requirements for securing personal information, reducing the likelihood of unauthorized access and disclosure.
- **Enhance regulatory alignment** Support consistent compliance with state-level and federal privacy laws, minimizing legal exposure and penalties from non-compliance.
- **Improve breach response readiness** Mandate timely notification and structured response plans, enabling organizations to communicate transparently and manage incidents effectively.
- **Increase stakeholder trust** Demonstrate a robust commitment to consumer privacy, fostering increased confidence among customers, partners, and regulatory authorities.

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How SmartSuite supports IL PIPA (815 ILCS 530)

Personal Information Safeguards Library

Structure safeguards for protecting personal information, including encryption, access control, and secure data handling practices.

Illinois PIPA Data Inventory and Classification

Track personal data types, storage locations, and systems subject to Illinois PIPA requirements.

Risk Assessment and Safeguard Implementation

Manage risk assessments and track implementation of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards.

Access and Personal Information Management

Manage user access, permissions, and secure handling of personal information across systems.

Breach Detection and Notification Workflows

Track security incidents and manage notification timelines, communications, and regulatory obligations.

Illinois Personal Information Protection Compliance Reporting

Provide dashboards showing data protection posture, breach readiness, and compliance with Illinois personal information protection requirements.

Common framework mappings

CCPA/CPRA | CIS Controls v8.1 | GDPR | GLBA Safeguards Rule (16 CFR Part 314) | HIPAA (NIST SP 800-66 Rev. 2) | ISO 27001:2022 | NIST CSF 2.0 | NIST 800-53 Rev.5 | PCI DSS 4.0.1

Official resources

Personal Information Protection Act (P.A. 99-0503; 815 ILCS 530)

Defines obligations of data collectors and State agencies regarding notification of breaches and security requirements.

ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/view/099-0503

Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530/10-12) – Notice of Breach; State Agency Requirements

Outlines breach notification timelines and required content for State agencies and when to notify the Attorney General.

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SB1624 Amendment to PIPA (815 ILCS 530/10, 55)

Amends breach notification thresholds and requires annual Attorney General reporting to the General Assembly.

ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=1624&GAID=16&SessionID=110&LegID=139584

Frequently asked questions

What is the Illinois Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) used for?

The Illinois Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) is designed to protect residents' personal information from unauthorized access, disclosure, or acquisition. The law mandates security breach notifications and establishes requirements for safeguarding personal data held by businesses and government agencies operating in Illinois.

Is compliance with Illinois PIPA mandatory?

Yes, compliance with Illinois PIPA is mandatory for any organization that handles the personal information of Illinois residents. Both private entities and public agencies are legally obligated to adhere to its requirements, with non-compliance potentially resulting in state enforcement actions and penalties.

What types of organizations are covered by Illinois PIPA?

Illinois PIPA applies to any organization, business, or government agency that owns, licenses, or maintains personal information about Illinois residents. This includes both in-state and out-of-state entities that possess or process such data in the course of their operations.

What personal information is protected under Illinois PIPA?

Illinois PIPA defines personal information broadly, including an individual's first name or initial and last name in combination with data elements such as Social Security number, financial account information, driver's license number, or medical/health insurance information, when not encrypted or redacted.

What are the key obligations for organizations under Illinois PIPA?

Key obligations include implementing reasonable security measures to protect personal information, providing prompt notification to affected individuals and the Illinois Attorney General in the event of a data breach, and maintaining records of breach events. Additional duties may apply for service providers and third-party vendors.

How does Illinois PIPA relate to other data protection laws?

Illinois PIPA may overlap with other state and federal privacy laws such as HIPAA or GLBA. When more than one law applies, organizations must comply with the most stringent applicable requirements, especially regarding breach notification and data safeguarding practices.

What are the ongoing compliance requirements for Illinois PIPA?

Ongoing compliance involves maintaining adequate data security programs, regularly updating internal policies, training employees, monitoring for potential breaches, and keeping records of incident response activities. Organizations must also review third-party contracts to ensure vendors follow PIPA's standards.

How would SmartSuite support Illinois PIPA?

SmartSuite can help manage Illinois PIPA compliance by enabling organizations to track data protection risks, manage and document security controls, collect and store evidence of compliance practices, maintain audit readiness, and generate thorough reports for regulators and internal stakeholders.

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