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Protection of Privacy Law, 5741-1981 (Israel)

Israel's Protection of Privacy Law establishes legal requirements for processing, securing, and protecting individuals' personal data within Israel.

What it is

The Israel Protection of Privacy Law — 5741-1981 is a national data protection regulation that establishes legal requirements for the processing, storage, and safeguarding of personal data within Israel. Its primary purpose is to ensure individuals' privacy rights and set obligations for organizations that collect, use, or manage personal information.

Enacted by the Israeli Knesset and enforced primarily by the Israeli Privacy Protection Authority, the law applies to public and private entities handling personal data in Israel or about Israeli citizens. It covers key areas including data collection, consent, data security obligations, data subject rights, breach notification, and penalties for non-compliance, aligning with global principles of privacy governance and risk management.

At a glance

PUBLISHER Privacy Protection Authority	TYPE Regulation	VERSION Protection of Privacy Law, 5741-1981
EFFECTIVE 1981	DOMAIN Privacy	FAMILY Global Privacy Regulations
REGION Israel	ADOPTION MODEL Regulatory Compliance	IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY High

Source: https://www.gov.il/en/departments/privacy_protection_authority

Why it matters

- **Strengthen data protection practices** Establish clear obligations for securing personal data and managing risks related to unauthorized access, use, or disclosure.
- **Enhance regulatory alignment** Support compliance with both local and international privacy regulations, facilitating lawful data processing and cross-border data transfers.
- **Improve security oversight** Enable organizations to monitor data handling activities and enforce consistent privacy policies across departments and partners.
- **Promote operational resilience** Reduce the risk of severe business disruption by requiring breach notification protocols and incident preparedness measures.

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How SmartSuite supports Israel PPL 5741-1981

Personal Data Inventory and Database Management

Track personal data assets, systems, and registered databases across the organization.

Records of Processing and Data Governance

Maintain documentation of data processing activities and privacy policies.

Data Subject Rights Workflows

Automate requests for access, correction, and deletion with full audit trails.

Privacy Risk and Security Controls Management

Track risk assessments, mitigation activities, and security safeguards protecting personal data.

Vendor and Processor Oversight

Monitor third-party organizations that process personal data on behalf of the organization.

Privacy Compliance Reporting and Audit Readiness

Provide dashboards and reports showing privacy program coverage and compliance status.

Common framework mappings

APEC PF | CCPA/CPRA | GDPR | HIPAA | ISO 27001:2022 | ISO 27701 | NIST Privacy Framework v1.0 | OECD Privacy Guidelines

Official resources

Israel Protection of Privacy Law — 5741-1981

Defines legal requirements for data protection and privacy in Israel, enforced by the Privacy Protection Authority.

gov.il/en/departments/privacy_protection_authority

Privacy Protection Regulations

Outlines regulations related to data security measures under the Israel Protection of Privacy Law.

gov.il/en/service/privacy_protection_regulations

Guidelines for Data Controllers

Provides guidance for data controllers on complying with the Privacy Protection Law requirements.

gov.il/en/service/data_controller_guidelines

Breach Notification Guidelines

Describes the process and requirements for reporting data breaches under Israeli law.

gov.il/en/service/breach_notification_guidelines

Frequently asked questions

What is the Israel Protection of Privacy Law — 5741-1981 used for?

The Israel Protection of Privacy Law regulates the processing, storage, and transfer of personal data within Israel to safeguard individuals' privacy rights. It establishes legal requirements for organizations handling personal information, including obligations for data collection, consent, and data security.

Is compliance with the Israel Protection of Privacy Law required?

Yes, the Israel Protection of Privacy Law is mandatory for both public and private sector organizations that process personal data in Israel or about Israeli citizens. Enforcement is overseen by the Israeli Privacy Protection Authority, and non-compliance may result in penalties, including administrative and criminal sanctions.

Who does the Israel Protection of Privacy Law apply to?

The law applies to any organization or individual acting as a data controller or processor that collects, uses, or manages personal data in Israel or concerning Israeli citizens, regardless of sector. This includes international entities engaging with Israeli data subjects.

What are the core obligations and artifacts under the Israel Protection of Privacy Law?

Organizations must implement data security measures, establish clear consent mechanisms, maintain records of processing activities, and respect data subject rights such as access, correction, and deletion. Documentation, risk assessments, privacy policies, and incident response plans are key compliance artifacts.

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How do organizations implement compliance with the Israel Protection of Privacy Law?

Implementation involves mapping personal data flows, conducting Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs), training staff, and establishing technical and organizational controls. Periodic audits, monitoring, and remediation of compliance gaps are also required to ensure ongoing adherence.

How does the Israel Protection of Privacy Law relate to other data protection frameworks?

The Israel Protection of Privacy Law aligns with international privacy principles and shares similarities with regulations like the EU GDPR, particularly in terms of data subject rights and cross-border transfer requirements. Organizations often integrate it within broader privacy and security management programs to meet both domestic and international standards.

What are the ongoing compliance requirements for the Israel Protection of Privacy Law?

Ongoing compliance requires continuous risk assessments, maintaining up-to-date records of processing, regular staff training, and monitoring of technical and organizational controls. Organizations must also be prepared to manage breaches, notify authorities and affected individuals as required, and demonstrate accountability through audit trails.

How would SmartSuite support Israel Protection of Privacy Law — 5741-1981?

SmartSuite helps organizations manage Israel Protection of Privacy Law compliance by enabling risk tracking, centralizing control management, and supporting evidence collection for statutory requirements. The platform offers audit-ready reporting, breach tracking, and remediation workflows, helping teams document compliance activities, monitor ongoing risks, and maintain regulatory governance effectively.

License included / downloadable: Yes Israel's Protection of Privacy Law is publicly available through official Israeli government legal resources.

Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/israel-protection-of-privacy-law-5741-1981

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