

#### 45 CFR 164.306 Security standards: General rules.

(a) **General requirements.** Covered entities and [business associates](#) must do the following:

- (1) Ensure the [confidentiality](#), [integrity](#), and [availability](#) of all [electronic protected health information](#) the [covered entity](#) or [business associate](#) creates, receives, maintains, or transmits.
- (2) Protect against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or [integrity](#) of such information.
- (3) Protect against any reasonably anticipated [uses](#) or [disclosures](#) of such information that are not permitted or required under [subpart E](#) of this part.
- (4) Ensure compliance with this subpart by its [workforce](#).

#### 45 CFR § 160.103 - Definitions

*Protected health information* means individually identifiable health information:

- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this definition, that is:
  - (i) Transmitted by [electronic media](#);
  - (ii) Maintained in [electronic media](#); or
  - (iii) Transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium

#### 45 CFR § 164.304 - Definitions

**Administrative safeguards** are administrative actions, and policies and procedures, to manage the selection, development, implementation, and maintenance of security measures to protect [electronic protected health information](#) and to manage the conduct of the [covered entity](#)'s or [business associate](#)'s [workforce](#) in relation to the protection of that information.

**Confidentiality** means the property that data or information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized [persons](#) or processes