

Conducting a Security Risk Analysis



What is an SRA?

The Security Risk Analysis is the first step in the process of HIPAA Compliance under the Security Rule, and it is mandatory to complete. It is a self evaluation of your practice looking for potential risks and vulnerabilities to your protected health information. This examines administrative, physical and technical safeguards in place at your practice.



What should an SRA include?

- Documentation of PHI and where it is stored, received and transmitted in your practice
- Documentation of your current safeguards in place to protect PHI
- An assessment of the efficacy of those safeguards
- An assessment of potential risks to data and the damage in the event of a breach
- A plan to address risks and protect from a breach of data



Options to Complete an SRA

- Do It Internally: Completing the SRA on your own is always an option, but it is not always practical due the high level of HIPAA expertise required.
- Use the Government Tools: The government has tools to help you complete an SRA, however, they are fairly broadly focused and may be missing key points for your specialty.
- Outsource to a Third Party: This can be expensive, but it is a great option to ensure that the SRA is completed by trained HIPAA experts who are less likely to miss important parts of the SRA.

To learn more about the Security Risk Analysis, you can watch our [webinar](#) with [Abyde!](#)