



Assessing risk in terms of POPI

The objective of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPI) is to give effect to the right to privacy in terms of the Constitution, and as the title suggests, promote the protection of personal information. POPI requires a person to identify all reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to personal information in its possession or under its control. This is accomplished by establishing and maintaining appropriate safeguards against the risks identified, regularly verifying that the safeguards are effectively implemented and ensuring that the safeguards are continually updated in response to new risks identified.



Our consultants are experienced in the practical implementation of POPI and can offer their assistance for your organisation to become POPI compliant. The risk assessments carried out by our consultants in terms of POPI consider all possible risks and threats to personal information processed by you and provide you with a detailed report which contains the risks, threats, vulnerabilities, current controls as well as the risk rating for each risk.

RISK is a threat or vulnerability posed to an asset within your organisation that can have a negative impact on the processing and protection of personal information. In order to effectively address risks, the risks firstly have to be identified and rated. By conducting a risk assessment, an organisation is enabled to prioritise the risks and minimise the impact it may have on the organisation.