



I have worked with, read many, edited many, audited reams of them, written from scratch, maybe even violated a few, investigated countless, and trained on countless sets of rules in all types of organizations. The most common title of these sets of rules is “our Security Policy”, which I promote this term in my security governance training, but to help all types of organizations that have struggled with these types of rules/policies, I am going back to 3rd grade and just call them, “rules.” One of the most powerful and enforceable implementations I have done in my 30 years was one where I had a document, back then called an “Access Agreement,” where I focused the employees (only) on the accountability of “I understand and will follow....”

This collection is not meant to cover everything, but will support any size organization (NGO to SMB to Fortune ### to Government), it is meant to simplify these rules/policies into literally one page and focus heavily on individual accountability. Yes you will have some overlap between the documents, as some organizations only need specific documents vs. all of them.

I can’t tell you how many times I have seen rules/policies that, some of which I helped write, were close to impossible to determine who (individually) was accountable.

***They read like a company was writing to a company and not to an individual.***

These are written from the organization to the individuals. Determining who is accountable comes in the form of a RACI exercise that is independent of these rules/policies. Ultimately, it's the CEO level of person, if no one else is assigned.

This Rules/Policy document is provided to you and your organization as a starting point or maturity checkpoint for existing rules/policies. It is brought to you on behalf of Jim McConnell, Principal Owner, and Ask McConnell, LLC – A Converged Security Services Provider.

The content is not meant to cover every circumstance, industry, law, regulation, contractual requirement, threat, environment, or risk, but it provides an easy, defensible, highly accountable starting or maturity point for any organization.

**Please consult with your legal counsel and insurance provider about added requirements.**

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