


Phoenix STS Policies, Procedures and Forms					
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Protecting and storing delegate information securely is crucial, especially given the sensitive nature of personal data. For Phoenix STS Ltd., a company involved in fire, health, and safety management training, adhering to data protection laws and best practices is paramount.

Data Collection and Consent:

- **Consent:** We ensure consent for collecting and using personal information.
- **Minimisation:** Collect only the necessary data for the training/service and nothing more.

Data Storage:

- **Secure Storage Solutions:** We store information in encrypted digital storage solutions, such as secure, cloud-based services or encrypted hard drives.
- **Access Control:** We implement strict access controls so only authorised personnel can access the data.

Data Protection Compliance:

- **GDPR Compliance:** As a company operating under Irish and EU jurisdictions, we will comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- **Regular Audits:** We conduct regular audits to ensure compliance with data protection laws and identify any potential vulnerabilities.

Data Encryption:

Encryption of Data: We encrypt sensitive data in transit (when sent over the internet) and at rest (when stored).

Physical Records:

- **Secure Locking Systems:** We use secure, locked filing systems where physical records are kept.
- **Controlled Access:** We limit access to physical records to authorised personnel only.

Data Retention and Disposal:

- **Retention Policy:** Our data retention policy specifies how long delegate information is kept and ensures it complies with legal requirements.
- **Secure Disposal:** When data is no longer needed, we ensure its secure and compliant disposal. For digital data, use data-wiping techniques. For physical records, use shredding or a similar destruction method.

Employee Training and Awareness:

- **Regular Training:** we provide training on data protection practices and the importance of confidentiality for all employees.
- **Awareness of Phishing and Scams:** We train staff to be aware of phishing attempts and other scams that could compromise data security.

Data Breach Response Plan:

Incident Response Plan: We have a clear response plan in case of a data breach, including steps to mitigate the breach, notification procedures, and strategies to prevent future incidents.

Review and Update Security Measures:

Continuous Improvement: We regularly review and update security measures to keep up with evolving threats and technological advancements.

Transparency and Communication:

Privacy Policy: We maintain a clear privacy policy detailing how data is collected, used, stored, and protected, and we make it easily accessible to required persons.

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