

Privacy Tip of the Week

West Virginia Executive Branch Privacy Policy: Accountability

Free and Excellent Resources

Question:

The weekly Privacy Tips are great, but where do I go if I want more information on privacy and security?

Answer:

Want to learn more about privacy and information security? There are loads of great resources available to you. Here are a few of the websites we use:

Federal Trade Commission – the FTC is the Federal government’s main consumer protection agency, and it oversees many of the US Federal Privacy Laws. Here are some links:

General Privacy Laws: <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/>

Credit Reporting: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menus/consumer/credit.shtm>
and <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/credit.html>

Kids’ Privacy: <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/childrens.html>

Telemarketing and Do Not Call: <http://www.ftc.gov/donotcall>

Email marketing and CAN SPAM: <http://www.ftc.gov/spam>

Financial Privacy: <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/privacyinitiatives/glbact.html>

Additionally, the FTC runs the US government’s Identity Theft Website
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

Official portal for you to check your consumer credit report:

<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

See also: <http://www.ftc.gov/freereports>

Information about HIPAA and Medical Privacy from the Department of Health & Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy>

Information Security – US-CERT <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/alldocs.html>

The International Association of Privacy Professionals:
<http://www.privacyassociation.org>

IAPP also has an excellent free clipping service – sign up for the “Daily Dashboard” to receive privacy news from around the world.
http://www.privacyassociation.org/publications/daily_dashboard/

Privacy Rights Clearinghouse (PRC) is a California non-profit that provides consumer privacy advice. <http://www.privacyrights.org>

PRC also tracks security breaches:
<http://www.privacyrights.org/ar/ChronDataBreaches.htm>

Do you know a good privacy resource? If so, please share it with your Privacy Officer!