# ESCAPE:

## Preparing healthcare professionals for cyberattacks



# Material for learners

*HIPAA Cybersecurity Guidance*
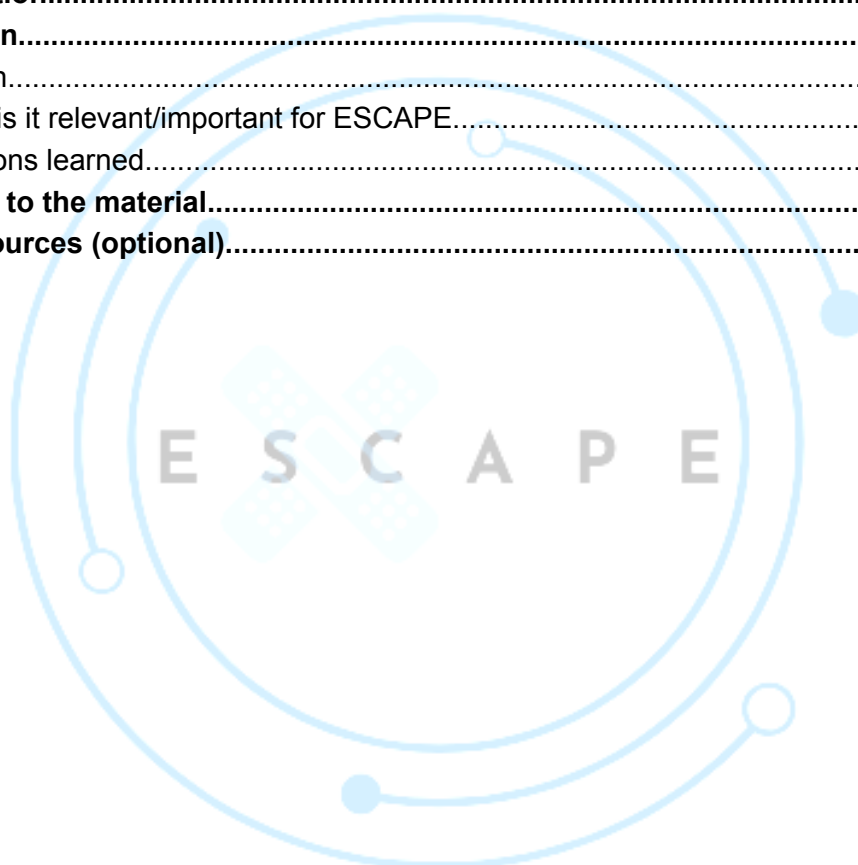
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# 1.  Name of the material and description

**HIPAA Cybersecurity Guidance Materials** – A collection of official resources provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help healthcare organizations and their business associates understand and improve cybersecurity practices in line with HIPAA requirements. It includes guidelines, newsletters, case examples, and training materials focusing on prevention and response to cyber incidents such as ransomware attacks.

# 2.  Classification

| Category | Mark if applies |
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| Sector | ✔  Healthcare |
| | General public |
| | Other |
| Topics covered | ✔  Cybersecurity |
| | ✔  Data protection |
| Situation type | ✔  Prevention |
| | Impact (i.e. when it is occurring or has occurred) on patient care. |

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| | ✔ Impact on all other activities not involving direct patient care. | |
| Language of the original materials | Dutch | |
| | ✔ English | |
| | German | |
| | Italian | |
| | ✔ Spanish (video version available) | |
| Type of the material | ✔ Guidelines or manuals | |
| | ✔ Case or examples | |
| | ✔ Training courses | |
| | Others | |

# 3.  Description

## 3.1.  Origin

Developed and published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), specifically by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). This is a federal government agency responsible for enforcing HIPAA and promoting compliance with health information privacy and security regulations.

## 3.2. Why is it relevant/important for ESCAPE

This material is relevant for ESCAPE as it provides structured, official guidance for cybersecurity and data protection in the healthcare sector. It addresses both preventive measures and responses to real cyber incidents, making it highly applicable for educating healthcare professionals and students about best practices and legal requirements.

## 3.3. Lessons learned

*For Guidelines or Manuals:*

**Category: Guidelines or manuals**

- **Introduction to the objective of the material**:
  The objective of the HIPAA Cybersecurity Guidance is to help HIPAA-covered entities and business associates understand and implement effective cybersecurity practices in line with the HIPAA Security Rule. It is designed to prevent data breaches and support compliance during and after cyber incidents.

- **Target group**:
  The materials are intended for healthcare organizations, compliance officers, IT and security professionals, and business associates handling protected health information (PHI).

- **Short description of the risks addressed in the material**:
  The guidance addresses major cybersecurity threats such as phishing, ransomware, insider threats, system vulnerabilities, and insufficient access controls. Specific risks include data loss, unauthorized access to patient information, and operational disruption in healthcare facilities.

- **Solutions or contingency measures proposed in the document**:
  The materials propose aligning cybersecurity practices with the HIPAA Security Rule, using tools such as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework crosswalk, incident response checklists, and risk assessments. Additionally, the newsletters and training materials offer detailed analysis of real incidents, recommended technical and administrative safeguards, and best practices for securing sensitive health data.

- **Tips & tricks for implementation**:
  - Regularly review and update security policies and procedures.
  - Use HHS's training videos for internal staff education.
  - Implement multi-factor authentication and restrict access based on job roles.

o   Subscribe to the OCR cybersecurity newsletter for ongoing updates.

o   Perform frequent risk analyses and ensure documentation for compliance purposes.

## 4.   Direct link to the material

https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/guidance/cybersecurity/index.html

## 5.   Other resources (optional)

- YouTube Video – How the HIPAA Security Rule Can Help Defend Against Cyber-Attacks

- NIST Cybersecurity Framework Crosswalk
https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/nist-security-hipaa-crosswalk/index.html

- Cybersecurity Newsletter Archive
https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/guidance/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-newsletter-archive/index.html