

## **Employee Data Privacy – Saudi Arabia**

## **Breach Notification**

## Are there any data breach notification requirements?

A data breach is a security incident in which sensitive, protected or confidential data is copied, transmitted, viewed, stolen or used by an individual unauthorized to do so. Local data protection regulations have required data controllers to report such breaches in certain circumstances.

Under Saudi Arabia's Personal Data Protection
Law (PDPL), controllers (such as employers) are
required to immediately inform the regulatory
authority of any "personal data leaks, damage or
unauthorised access". If a breach causes "gross
harm" to a data subject (such as an employee in
the context of employment) or to their personal
data, employers should immediately inform the
affected data subject. There are expected to be
executive regulations in the future, which would

provide more detailed information regarding when a data subject should be informed of a personal data breach.

Note that cloud service providers are required to notify customers of security breaches under the Saudi Cloud Computing Regulatory Framework and may need to inform the Communications and Information Technology Commission in certain instances (severe breaches or breaches that involve 'Level 3' or above sensitive content).



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