



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 5537-9-05 Restricting and logging access to confidential personal information in computerized personal information systems.

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For personal information systems that are computer systems and contain confidential personal information, the agency shall do the following:

- (A) Access restrictions. Access to confidential personal information that is kept electronically shall require a password or other authentication measure.
- (B) Acquisition of a new computer system. When the agency acquires a new computer system that stores, manages, or contains confidential personal information, the agency shall include a mechanism for recording specific access by employees of the agency to confidential personal information in the system.
- (C) Upgrading existing computer systems. When the agency modifies an existing computer system that stores, managers, or contains confidential personal information, the agency shall make a determination whether the modification constitutes an upgrade. Any upgrades to a computer system shall include a mechanism for recording specific access by employees of the agency to confidential personal information in the system
- (D) Logging requirements regarding confidential personal information in existing computer systems.
  - (1) The agency shall require employees of the agency who access confidential personal information within computer systems to maintain a log that records that access.
  - (2) Access to confidential information is not required to be entered into the log under the following circumstances:
    - (a) The employee of the agency is accessing confidential personal information for official agency purposes, including research, and the access is not specifically directed toward a specifically named individual or a group of specifically named individuals.



(b) The employee of the agency is accessing confidential personal information for routine office procedures and the access is not specifically directed toward a specifically named individual or a group of specifically named individuals.

(c) The employee of the agency comes into incidental contact with confidential personal information and the access of the information is not specifically directed toward a specifically named individual or a group of specifically named individuals.

(d) The employee of the agency accesses confidential personal information about an individual based upon a request made under either of the following circumstances:

(i) The individual requests confidential personal information about himself/herself.

(ii) The individual makes a request that the agency takes some action on that individual's behalf and accessing the confidential personal information is required in order to consider or process that request.

(3) For purposes of this paragraph, the agency may choose the form or forms of logging, whether in electronic or paper formats.

(E) Log management. The agency shall issue a policy that specifies the following:

(1) Who shall maintain the log.

(2) What information shall be captured in the log.

(3) How the log is to be stored.

(4) How long information kept in the log is to be retained.

Nothing in this rule limits the agency from requiring logging in any circumstance that it deems necessary.