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AI HR Data Privacy Checklist

**A practical, beginner-friendly guide to protecting
employee data in AI-enabled HR.**

A practical, auditable checklist to design privacy-first
AI in HR.

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Data Privacy and AI in HR

This page translates privacy into practical HR AI workflows. It covers automation boundaries, human review, and governance essentials.

Key move **Action: Establish a weekly data privacy governance review with HR stakeholders.**

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

- 01** Map HR data: identify PII categories across onboarding, payroll, benefits, performance, and exits.
- 02** Define automation scope: auto-ingest only consented data; flag sensitive fields for review.
- 03** Access controls: enforce role-based access, MFA, and least privilege for HR systems.
- 04** Data retention: set retention windows; automate deletion or anonymization after policy expiry.
- 05** Model inputs: audit inputs; avoid feeding unnecessary PII into AI models; use synthetic or masked data.
- 06** Vendor reviews: require privacy addenda, data processing agreements, and data localization checks.
- 07** Audit logs: log data lineage, model decisions, and user access for periodic reviews.

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Automation Boundaries in HR Data

Define automation targets in HR data flows with privacy at the center. Pair automation with deliberate human review where judgment matters.

Key move **Guardrail: do not auto-transfer data outside defined regions.**

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

- 01** Automate data capture minimalism at onboarding; collect only necessary consent.
- 02** Auto-classify sensitivity: label PII, health data, or biometric data automatically.
- 03** Human-in-the-loop reviews: payroll adjustments triggered by automated flags require manager sign-off.
- 04** Model prompts: restrict inputs; use redacted or synthetic data for training or testing.
- 05** Retention alignment: automate policy-based retention and purge after expiry.
- 06** Vendor privacy checks: run automated privacy scorecards before data sharing.
- 07** Audit logs: ensure immutable logs for all data access and model outputs.

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Consent, Access, and Vendor Review

Capture employee consent for AI processing; document scope and purpose. Establish access controls and vendor due diligence.

Key move Approval needed: any AI-derived HR decision should have a human-in-the-loop path.

PRACTICAL CHECKLIST

- 01** Consent records: store explicit consent for AI processing of personal data.
- 02** Access governance: RBAC, least privilege, periodic reviews.
- 03** Data minimization: avoid unnecessary HR data in model inputs.
- 04** Retention schedules: define retention windows; automate purge align with policy.
- 05** Vendor review cadence: annual privacy risk assessments and data inventory.
- 06** Sensitive decision boundaries: document where AI suggestions trigger human override.

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