CALIFORNIA DATA PRIVACY COMPLIANCE SERVICES BRIEF

Proven Strategies to Navigate California Privacy Laws with Confidence

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CCPA & CALIFORNIA DATA PRIVACY SERVICES

Privacy compliance is more than a legal requirement, it is a business imperative.

California's privacy laws are evolving rapidly. The CCPA, CPRA, and California Delete Act are introducing stricter requirements, more frequent audits, and stronger enforcement. Companies must complete cybersecurity audits in 2026 and 2027, and be able to demonstrate measurable improvement and readiness for increased scrutiny by 2028.

At S3 Security, we help executives turn these challenges into opportunities by strengthening customer trust, reducing regulatory risk, and building resilient business practices.

Whether you are preparing for cybersecurity audits, ensuring data broker compliance, or managing complex consumer data requests, our team provides strategic guidance and clear, actionable plans tailored to your organization's priorities.

EXPERTISE YOU CAN TRUST

Our experts bring decades of experience advising organizations on privacy compliance and cybersecurity. We help leadership teams identify gaps that could create financial, operational, or reputational risks and deliver practical strategies to close them.

A PROVEN TRACK RECORD

We have partnered with leading enterprises in healthcare, finance, technology, manufacturing, retail, and hospitality to strengthen privacy programs, align policies with California's evolving regulations, and prepare for scrutiny from regulators and consumers alike.

TAILORED TO YOUR BUSINESS

Your business priorities drive our approach. We collaborate with your executive team to align compliance efforts with enterprise risk strategy, operational realities, and long-term growth objectives, ensuring compliance efforts strengthen both security posture and business value.

We don't just help you check a box – we help you build a stronger, more resilient business.

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CCPA DEADLINES & EXECUTIVE PRIORITIES

CCPA enforcement is accelerating, and critical deadlines are approaching. Knowing what's next ensures your organization can act with confidence, protect its reputation, and safeguard the bottom line.

DEADLINES THAT DRIVE ACTION

- **January 1, 2026:** CPPA launches DROP, the one-stop deletion mechanism for consumer data.
- **August 1, 2026:** Data brokers must access DROP every 45 days.
- **January 1, 2026:** Businesses must complete their first cybersecurity audit (aligned to NIST CSF 2.0) to evaluate current readiness for CCPA compliance.
- **January 1, 2027:** A second cybersecurity audit is required to validate remediation progress and demonstrate meaningful improvement.
- **January 1, 2028:** Organizations should be able to demonstrate sufficient maturity and risk-based alignment with cybersecurity audit expectations in preparation for enforcement.
- **January 1, 2028:** Independent data broker audits begin.
- **January 1, 2029:** Data brokers disclose audit results during registration.

WHAT EXECUTIVES SHOULD DECIDE NOW

- Define executive ownership of CCPA compliance and audits.
- Prepare to utilize the NIST CSF 2.0 framework, which aligns most closely with CCPA's security and risk requirements.
- Ensure consumer rights workflows and DROP processes are mapped and tested.
- Evaluate vendor and data broker relationships to identify compliance gaps.
- Establish board-level reporting and evidence metrics for regulators.

Proactive preparation reduces regulatory risk, prevents costly penalties, and builds the trust that drives long-term business growth.

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CCPA COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW & VALIDATION PATHS

California's privacy requirements are becoming stricter. The CCPA, CPRA, and Delete Act bring expanded obligations, consumer rights, and mandatory cybersecurity audits starting in 2026.

Executives need clarity on which obligations apply, what evidence regulators will expect, and how to prioritize investments. S3 Security provides three targeted assessment paths to ensure compliance readiness and confidence.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT VALIDATION PATH

Privacy Compliance Assessment

For any business subject to CCPA/CPRA that needs a full privacy program evaluation.

- Comprehensive review of notices, disclosures, and consumer rights processes
- Verification, consent, and preference mechanism review.
- Governance, policy, training, and vendor contract language review
- Maturity scoring, gap analysis, and prioritized roadmap

Cybersecurity Audit

For businesses required to complete CCPA cybersecurity audits beginning in 2026.

- Independent audit mapped to **NIST CSF 2.0**, which best aligns with CCPA requirements and expectations.
- Control design and effectiveness review for personal and sensitive data
- Risk and consumer harm analysis aligned to CPPA expectations
- Attestation-ready documentation package

Data Broker Compliance Assessment

For registered data brokers preparing for triennial audits and Delete Act enforcement.

- DROP integration readiness and 45-day request processing validation
- Registration, disclosure, and audit documentation verification
- Data lineage, retention, and non-direct source transparency review
- Remediation roadmap aligned to 2028 and 2029 milestones

WHY IT MATTERS

Non-compliance can lead to regulatory penalties, operational disruptions, or even data broker shutdowns. The larger cost is strategic — erosion of brand trust, heightened board scrutiny, and rising legal exposure. Beyond the legal implications, compliance is a critical element of enterprise risk management, customer experience, and data strategy.

A successful CCPA program protects revenue, preserves brand equity, and proves to regulators, customers, and partners that you are a trustworthy steward of personal data.

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CCPA ASSESSMENT SERVICES

From privacy program reviews to mandated cybersecurity audits, S3 Security provides end-to-end services that ensure compliance with CCPA/CPRA, prepare you for enforcement, and strengthen your privacy posture. Our assessments provide clear insights, actionable findings, and strategic guidance tailored to your organization.

CCPA Privacy Compliance Assessment

We review privacy notices, consumer rights workflows, and data governance practices against CCPA/CPRA requirements, identifying gaps, measuring maturity, and delivering a prioritized remediation roadmap.

Cybersecurity Audit

We conduct independent audits aligned with NIST CSF 2.0, the framework that best matches CCPA's cybersecurity expectations. Our audits help you prepare for required cybersecurity audits in 2026 and 2027, ensuring you can confidently meet the 2028 compliance deadline. Deliverables include maturity scoring, risk analysis, and attestation-ready documentation.

Data Broker Compliance Assessment

Prepare for California's Delete Act and data broker requirements. We assess DROP integration, registration disclosures, and audit readiness to help you stay ahead of 2028 and 2029 milestones.

We help you navigate California's evolving privacy regulations with clarity, confidence, and measurable results.

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CCPA AND NIST CSF 2.0

The most effective path to CCPA compliance.

The California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) sets strict privacy requirements, while NIST CSF 2.0 provides a proven cybersecurity framework that aligns directly with these obligations. By leveraging NIST CSF 2.0, organizations can confidently prepare for the required cybersecurity audits in 2026 and 2027, and demonstrate measurable improvement and program readiness by 2028.

HOW NIST CSF 2.0 SUPPORTS CCPA:

- **Govern:** Establishes enterprise-wide accountability, risk ownership, and oversight – key elements of CCPA compliance.
- **Identify & Protect:** Provides a structure for data inventories, encryption, and access controls required to safeguard personal information.
- **Detect, Respond & Recover:** Strengthens incident readiness and breach response to meet CCPA's "reasonable security" expectations.

BENEFITS OF NIST CSF 2.0 ALIGNMENT:

- Creates a defensible, audit-ready privacy and security program.
- Improves risk visibility and strengthens board and regulator confidence.
- Reduces audit surprises by closing identified gaps before 2028.
- Builds long-term trust with customers and stakeholders.

NIST CSF 2.0 is the most practical, forward-looking approach for preparing for CCPA cybersecurity audits while elevating your overall cybersecurity posture.

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CCPA READINESS JOURNEY

Achieving CCPA compliance begins with understanding your data environment, consumer rights obligations, and privacy program maturity. S3 Security helps define your scope, assess readiness, and prepare for upcoming requirements—including cybersecurity audits in 2026 and 2027—to demonstrate continuous progress and meet full compliance expectations by 2028.

This readiness journey outlines the phases our clients typically follow:

Compliance is the goal. Readiness is the strategy. We help you succeed with both.

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SUPPORT THAT MOVES YOU FORWARD

Understanding California's privacy requirements is only the first step. S3 Security helps organizations build mature privacy and security programs that stand up to audits, minimize regulatory risk, and strengthen customer trust.

Whether you are preparing for an assessment, refining DROP workflows, or aligning cybersecurity audits with business objectives, we provide expert support to keep you audit-ready for the required 2026 and 2027 cybersecurity audits and beyond.

OUR EXTENDED SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Privacy Program Development:** Hands-on guidance to design or enhance privacy policies, consumer rights workflows, and consent mechanisms to meet CCPA/CPRA standards.
- **Data Mapping & Inventory:** Comprehensive mapping of personal data flows, sensitive information handling, and vendor data sharing to improve accuracy, enable faster responses, and support compliance requirements.
- **Compliance Consulting:** Expert support for interpreting complex requirements, documenting compensating controls, and preparing for audits aligned to NIST CSF 2.0.
- **Remediation Assistance:** Hands-on help with policy updates, configuration changes, and governance improvements to close compliance gaps.
- **Incident Response Readiness:** Tabletop exercises and readiness planning to ensure your teams can respond to privacy incidents with confidence and clarity.

Stronger compliance starts with a complete program. We help you build both compliance and lasting trust.

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CERTIFIED. EXPERIENCED. TRUSTED.

With over 25 years of experience, S3 Security helps organizations navigate complex privacy, security, and compliance requirements. From global enterprises to mid-market companies, we align your programs with California's evolving privacy laws — including the CCPA, CPRA, and California Delete Act — with clarity and confidence.

Whether you are preparing for a privacy assessment, cybersecurity audit, or data broker compliance review, our experts deliver the guidance, strategy, and documentation you need to build trust and avoid regulatory risk.

WHAT SETS US APART

Expertise Across Industries

We partner with clients in healthcare, finance, retail, hospitality, manufacturing, and technology, tailoring our approach to each organization's privacy and security environment.

Certified, Senior-Level Assessors

Our assessors average over 15 years of experience and bring deep expertise in CCPA/CPRA and NIST CSF 2.0, the framework most closely aligned to CCPA's cybersecurity and risk expectations.

Start-to-Finish Support

From data mapping and gap analysis through remediation and audit preparation, we guide you with precision and actionable strategies.

Client-Centered Approach

We align privacy and compliance efforts with your business objectives, risk tolerance, and brand priorities, building trust instead of simply checking boxes.

Assessment-Ready Documentation

We ensure your policies, evidence, and reporting are clear, defensible, and prepared for CPPA or auditor scrutiny.

Partner with a team that understands what's at stake and delivers with clarity, speed, and confidence.

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YOUR CYBERSECURITY PARTNER

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FLOAT ON

Cybersecurity and compliance to ward off any threat.

Wherever you are in your CCPA journey, we help you navigate with clarity and trust.

At S3 Security, we meet you where you are, whether you are preparing for your first privacy compliance assessment, building out DROP workflows, or gearing up for the 2028 cybersecurity audits. We understand the complexity of California's privacy regulations and the pressure that comes with protecting personal data while maintaining business momentum.

We help you reduce risk, streamline compliance, and strengthen customer trust with practical, business-aligned strategies.

With decades of experience supporting clients in healthcare, finance, retail, hospitality, and technology, S3 Security is the trusted partner organizations rely on to simplify privacy compliance and build stronger data protection programs.

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