



INFORMATION BLOCKING EXCEPTION #3: Security

Official Title – Security Exception: When will an actor’s practice that is likely to interfere with the access, exchange, or use of electronic health information in order to protect the security of EHI not be considered information blocking?

Exception applies if an actor engages in practices that are reasonable and necessary to protect the security of EHI.

Objective of the Exception – This exception is intended to cover all legitimate security practices by actors, but does not prescribe a maximum level of security or dictate a one-size-fits-all approach.

Key Conditions of the Exception:

- ✓ The practice must be:
 1. Directly related to safeguarding the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EHI;
 2. Tailored to specific security risks; and
 3. Implemented in a consistent and non-discriminatory manner.
- ✓ The practice must either implement a qualifying organizational security policy or implement a qualifying security determination.

Addressed on: [Page 25859 of final rule](#). For a detailed explanation of this exception also please reference our detailed [cheat sheet](#).