



What you need to know about computers and the law



General Data Protection Regulation

There are 8 Data Protection Act Principles that help to protect personal data stored on computers

If an organisation stores personal data they have to:

- Make sure data is correct
- Make sure data is up to date
- Make sure data is stored safely and securely
- Make sure their staff know they must keep data safe by using a username and password.
- Make sure data is backed up



Computer Misuse Act

This law protects people who use computers against those who want to change or destroy information by hacking or spreading viruses

To try and stop people doing this a business will:

- Make sure they have up to date virus protection software on all computers.
 - Use a firewall
- Use encryption to keep data safe.
- Make sure staff are trained so they know the risks and how to prevent them.



Copyright Designs and Patents Act

This law stops people from illegally using or copying music or software.

To make sure a business obeys this law they will:

- Used licensed software
- Not allow staff to install software on their computers/laptops
- Alert and inform people about the costs of software theft.

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NO

