

Data Governance Policy

Use this template to policy for classifying, accessing, and retaining [data domain].

Template Metadata

Field	Details
Category	Data, AI & Analytics
Owner	[Team or owner]
Version	[Version number]
Effective Date	[Date]
Review Cycle	[Monthly / Quarterly / Annual / Event-based]
Status	[Draft / In Review / Approved]

Purpose

Explain why the policy exists and what risk it controls.

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[Item or requirement]	[Describe the relevant detail, evidence, or decision]	[Owner]	[Open / Complete]
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Notes

[Add context, assumptions, exceptions, evidence links, screenshots, calculations, or reviewer comments.]

Scope

Define covered datasets, systems, teams, and exclusions.

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Classification

List sensitivity levels, examples, labels, and handling requirements.

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Access Controls

Describe approval workflow, least privilege, audit logging, and periodic review.

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Retention

Define retention periods, archival rules, deletion triggers, and legal holds.

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Lineage

Require source ownership, transformation documentation, and downstream dependency tracking.

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Compliance Review

Document review cadence, evidence, exceptions, and accountable approvers. Use clear policy language and Markdown tables.

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