

# H.I.P.A.A. Privacy Assessment

## What is H.I.P.A.A.?

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) is a **Federal Law** that requires companies to meet standards for privacy and security of personal health information. HIPAA requires anyone that handles health information, such as insurers, employers, and health care providers, to:

- **Comply** with HIPAA privacy standards for gathering, handling and storing personal health information,
- **Train** (and monitor) employees on these privacy standards,
- **Audit** compliance with HIPAA privacy practices on a regular basis, and
- **Secure** all computer equipment and networks on which personal health information is stored or transmitted

The deadline for privacy compliance is **April 14, 2003** for most companies.

## What is the Cost of Non-Compliance?

Failure to comply with HIPAA can lead to **Government fines** ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000. **Prison terms** of one to ten years also exist for egregious violations.

Not to mention possible damage to your business reputation, customer confidence and future business opportunities.

## How do I contact Bulwarkz?

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## Bulwarkz HIPAA Assessment

The Bulwarkz privacy assessment reviews the customer's gathering, handling and storing of personal health information throughout its entire life cycle;

- ✓ Review of and/or the formation of the initial Privacy Statement and consent forms,
- ✓ Review of information collection, handling and associated storage processes,
- ✓ Review of third party vendor compliance issues
- ✓ Employee training and auditing
- ✓ Establishment of a "get well" program of associated "quick fixes", listing of compliance issues, annual audits and a recommended list of training items for eventually becoming compliant by **April 14, 2003**.

**Contact your Bulwarkz Representative Today!**