

Statement



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Review of Availability of Advice on Security for Small and Medium Sized Organisations

A spokesperson for the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) said:

"The ICO commissioned the [Review of Availability of Advice on Security for Small and Medium Sized Organisations](#) to better understand how well small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) can access appropriate information security advice for protecting personal information. The ICO recognises that SMEs will not have the technical expertise that many larger businesses will have at their disposal. Many small businesses use personal information and we recognise that SMEs need practical and concise guidance to help them comply with the law, and handle personal information appropriately. The ICO has already acted on a number of recommendations by updating the [Guide to Data Protection](#) which provides businesses with practical advice about the Data Protection Act. The practical business based examples in the Guide can help SMEs safeguard personal data and meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act. We are also reviewing some of our other guidance in light of the report's findings to ensure it is appropriate for the needs of SMEs. We are particularly interested in how guidance can be accessed through third party business trade and membership bodies and we will be following that up in the coming months."

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