



Information Destruction Laws — Texas & Federal

With identity theft and information fraud at an all-time high, the federal government and the State of Texas have enacted laws and regulations which require individuals and businesses to destroy employee and consumer information before disposal. Failure to comply with these laws can potentially cost your business thousands of dollars in fines and legal fees. DRI's document destruction service can help you comply with these laws.

Texas Information Disposal Act (TIDA)

“When a business disposes of a business record that contains personal identifying information of a customer of the business, the business shall modify, by shredding, erasing, or other means, the personal identifying information to make it unreadable or undecipherable.”

“A business is considered to (be in compliance) if the business contracts with a person engaged in the business of disposing of records for the modification of personal identifying information on behalf of the business...”

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACTA)

Requires any individual or business that maintains personal consumer information take reasonable care to protect against unauthorized access to this information and destroy personal consumer information before it is discarded.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Requires all healthcare providers, including any organization that transmits personal health information, to maintain the confidentiality of this information and to destroy the information before it is discarded.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act

Requires that all financial institutions protect the confidential information of their clients.

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