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Simple Security and Compliance Checklist for CMS Websites

A multi-layered security posture for your CMS is one step to building an effective platform. To uncover your potential risks, use our checklist to dive deeper on encryption, access controls, risk management, auditing & monitoring.

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Key Requirement	Description	Approach (How to)		Have you implemented?	
				Yes	No
Encryption	Is the data used in the solution specifically PII data, encrypted in transit and at rest. Are they keys appropriately controlled.	Transport Encryption	In transit – SSL		
		Encryption At Rest	At rest – TDE		
		Secure key / cert management	Key Vault		
Access Controls	Does the solution have suitable access controls in the application where roles and responsibilities are mapped. Does the solution at the infrastructure level have the appropriate access controls. Are enhanced identity solutions used including the use of MFA, to protect user credentials and access.	Rolebased	Extensive RBAC		
		Isolate PII Data	Isolated Customer Data		
		Advanced Identity	Azure AAD for CM with 2FA		
Risk Management	Appropriately implemented Risk management framework, including assessment, controls, monitoring, improvement, training, and response. Alignment with Applicable Standards ISO27001 and/or SOC2.	Multilayer Network	Defence in Depth		
		Ongoing Review	Regular Control Review		
		WAF	WAF Policies		
		DDOS/BOT	BoT and DDOS Protection		



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Security Checklist for CMS solutions

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Auditing	Application-level auditing / logging to record which users performed which actions. Infrastructure auditing to identify which processes or operational team members access and or modify infrastructure configuration. Data access auditing.	Infrastructure Auditing	Azure Auditing		
		Solution Auditing	SQL Auditing		
Monitoring	Suitable monitoring platforms and observability platforms that can provide advanced warning of security incidents and alerting, that can be actioned. This should cover the application layer, the underlying infrastructure layer, the network, and the ingress points.	Application Alerts	Application Insights		
		Filtering	Intelligent Filtering		
		Ongoing Scans	Defender for Cloud		
		SIEM	Central NOC & Tooling		

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Did you answer "No" or you're Not Sure?

If you answered "No" or you're not sure about 3 or more questions in our checklist, it's time to better understand your platform and its compliance requirements.



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