

AI Acceptable Use Policy Checklist

Document Control

- ☐ Populate version history: Version #, Date, Author, Change Summary.
- ☐ Add policy owner, approver, and review schedule.
- ☐ Store the final policy in your policy repository and notify stakeholders.

Purpose & Scope

- ☐ Confirm that the policy clearly states the purpose: to promote safe, ethical, and compliant AI use.
- ☐ Validate that the scope includes all relevant users: employees, contractors, vendors, partners, etc.
- ☐ Ensure the scope includes both internal and third-party AI systems (including GenAI and agents).

Definitions

- ☐ Include key terms used in the policy (e.g., AI, GenAI, AI Agent, LLMs, Sensitive Data).
- ☐ Adapt definitions from reputable frameworks (Gartner, NIST, ISO) and clarify any internal jargon.

Acceptable Use & Controls

- ☐ Identify and list “Approved AI Tools” with owners and monitoring procedures.
- ☐ Define use cases that are permitted (e.g., enhancing productivity, summarization, code generation).
- ☐ Ensure tools are used in line with organizational values and existing policies.

Prohibited Users

- ☐ List prohibited behaviors (e.g., using AI for legal/HR/medical advice without human review, violating IP, etc).
- ☐ Add a section or table for “Prohibited AI Tools,” if applicable.

Data Responsibilities

- ☐ Require users to follow the data classification policy (e.g., no use of confidential/PII unless authorized).
- ☐ Enforce use of only approved data sources in prompts.
- ☐ Require encryption, access permissions, and secure storage to be managed by IT/security.

Employee Responsibilities

- ☐ Clearly state that users are accountable for all outputs generated using AI tools.
- ☐ Require that employees report any inappropriate AI usage or anomalies.
- ☐ Ensure training/awareness initiatives are available to support understanding and compliance.

AI Agent Use & Guardrails

- ☐ Require explicit approval by the AI Governance Team for any autonomous agents.
- ☐ Define mandatory safeguards: human-in-the-loop, override controls, and usage tracking.

Reporting, Exceptions, & Enforcement

- ☐ Include contact info for reporting violations or requesting exceptions (e.g., <Policy Owner>).
- ☐ Confirm a documented process exists for investigating incidents.
- ☐ Add a summary of disciplinary actions for non-compliance.

Review & Maintenance

- ☐ Assign a review lead and define the cadence (e.g., annual or quarterly).
- ☐ Maintain a revision history table with version, author, and description of changes.
- ☐ Ensure policy is approved by appropriate stakeholders and dated.