

# CJIS-Aligned Data Protection for Microsoft 365



## Compliance Without Compromise CJI Protection for the Modern Workplace

### SUMMARY

As local governments expand their use of Microsoft 365, securing CJI data within a shared tenant has become a critical priority. While Microsoft provides the tools, policies, and controls required to support secure use of a single tenant for both criminal justice and non-criminal justice workloads, the practical implementation of CJIS Security Policy aligned controls is often unclear. To address this gap, SkyNorth has developed a set of best practices tailored to local government environments. These practices are designed to help agencies protect CJI in accordance with CJIS Security Policy requirements, while enabling secure collaboration across departments within a single Microsoft 365 tenant. When fully implemented, these controls support CJIS audit readiness and establish a strong foundation for data governance.

### CJIS-ALIGNED DATA PROTECTION

- ✓ **CJI-Specific Sensitivity Labels:** Apply encryption and access restrictions using sensitivity labels scoped to CJI authorized users to ensure data confidentiality and compliance.
- ✓ **Restricted Access and Information Barriers:** Use Restricted Access Control (RAC) and Information Barriers v2 to isolate CJI data, preventing unauthorized access and discovery across Microsoft 365 services.
- ✓ **Copilot and AI Tool Restrictions:** Disable web grounding and enable Restricted Content Discovery (RCD) to prevent CJI data from being indexed or accessed by Microsoft Copilot and other AI tools.

### DELIVERABLES

- ✓ **Kickoff and planning sessions**
- ✓ **Sensitivity Label Framework for CJI Data**
- ✓ **Content Classification and Labeling**
- ✓ **Access Control Implementation**
- ✓ **Copilot and AI Tool Safeguards**
- ✓ **Dedicated Time for Knowledge Transfer and Support**



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