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Information Security Controls Standard

The [Information Security Controls Standard](#) is in the process of a major revision to form a true Minimum Security Standard. The new standard is structured around the question “Have we adequately responded to the University’s protection obligation and exercised due care?” The standard defines the minimum common requirements for information security controls and outlines responsibility-differentiated protection. It describes three levels of baseline controls, and how to determine which one should apply to a device or system.

The chart of security controls has been remodeled. You will recognize many of the controls in the new set as ones you are used to applying. This set is categorized to be more clear and concise and includes some new ideas. The chart is divided into eighteen categories such as “Planning,” Physical controls,” and “Supported Operating Systems.”

The revised Information Security Controls Standard prioritizes an understanding of accountability and responsibility for IT services, systems, applications, and devices.

This Standard will provide a foundation for the University’s Information Security Program.

You will have multiple opportunities to give feedback. Taking the time now to read and respond will help us craft workable policy with few unintended consequences. The draft is available on the [ITS Policy Review page](#).

If you prefer to discuss the draft or ask questions, please come to our virtual office hours on [December 7th from 9-12](#) or [January 17th 10-1](#). If you would like to arrange another option, email its_policy@unc.edu.

Vulnerability Management Standard

The [Vulnerability Management Standard for Information Technology](#) is getting a revision. The revision will go back to a model of required patching timelines provided in a chart. These timelines will correlate with the new Security Controls Standard, applying to systems with specific profiles.

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Feedback

The ITS Policy Office continually reviews and updates IT Policies, Standards, and Procedures to best serve the University’s IT, Privacy, and Digital Accessibility needs. We are always soliciting feedback on new and existing policy documents. All feedback received by the office is saved and included in annual review processes. If you have comments to offer on this bulletin, on policies managed by ITS, or if you have questions about any ITS policy or would like to have an expert speak to any campus group on IT policy issues, please feel free to contact Kim Stahl directly, at the ITS Policy Office email, its_policy@unc.edu, via ServiceNow (ITS Police Office Assignment Group), or submit a comment using the form on the [ITS Policy Review Page](#).

