What does "data encryption" mean?



Limiting Access

Data encryption prevents documents, e-mail messages, text messages, etc. from being accessed by outside and/or unauthorized users.



A Security Method

It is a tool used to protect digital data stored on computer systems.



Encoding & Decryption

Data is encoded (scrambled or made unreadable) and can only be accessed or decrypted (unscrambled or made readable) by a user with the correct encryption key.

Important for DV/SA Survivors

It is a particularly important issue to consider when storing client-level data on an agency's computer system/network.



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