

# How Garde1 handles your data

For MSPs, Primes and security reviewers. One page, current as of October 1, 2026.

**GARDE1**

## WE DON'T HOLD CUI

Garde1 does not ask for, require or accept controlled unclassified information.

- Evidence uploads ask whether the file contains CUI. "Contains CUI" and "unsure" are refused before anything is saved.
- Accidental uploads have a documented removal process: [garde1.com/security/no-cui](https://garde1.com/security/no-cui).

## CONNECTED SYSTEMS

- Read-only by default.
- Write access is a separate credential per connector, used only to apply a fix you approve; each action is checked against the permissions you granted.
- Exact scopes are shown in the product before you consent. Summary: [garde1.com/security/connector-scopes](https://garde1.com/security/connector-scopes).

## AI

- Azure OpenAI and Azure AI Document Intelligence on Microsoft Azure; Bing web search via Azure for some product questions.
- Customer Data is not used to train or fine-tune any model, ours or a third party's.
- Details: [garde1.com/security/ai](https://garde1.com/security/ai).

## WHAT WE DO STORE

Security protection data: your scope, policies, SSP drafts, evidence you upload, and the configuration and inventory data your connected systems report (users, devices, settings, logs).

Connector data is stored as the source system returns it, so names of files and devices can appear in it. Keep CUI out of file names and email subjects.

## HOSTING AND PROTECTION

- Hosted on FedRAMP Moderate authorized AWS services in us-east-2. Garde1 itself is not FedRAMP authorized. GovCloud is on the roadmap.
- Encrypted at rest with AWS KMS; connector credentials in AWS Secrets Manager.
- Database requires TLS and accepts only Garde1 services and one allowlisted admin address; per-organization isolation enforced in the database.
- Append-only audit log kept seven years, deletion-protected, with 35-day point-in-time recovery.

## WHO ELSE TOUCHES IT

Every third party that processes customer data, what it does and where it runs is named at [garde1.com/security/subprocessors](https://garde1.com/security/subprocessors), and the list is updated when it changes.

**In your assessment.** Because Garde1 holds security protection data, list it in your SSP and asset inventory as an external service provider. Our customer responsibility matrix, written so you can paste rows into your own, is at [garde1.com/compliance](https://garde1.com/compliance). Garde1 runs mock assessments; it is not a C3PAO and does not certify anyone.