



## What are audit and monitoring for?

IT asset auditing and monitoring play a crucial role in compliance with Quebec Law 25 on the protection of personal information in several ways:

1. **Identifying security weaknesses:** An IT asset audit involves examining in detail all of an organization's IT systems, networks and data storage devices. This helps identify potential security vulnerabilities and weaknesses that could put personal information at risk. Early identification of these weaknesses allows corrective action to be taken to enhance security.
2. **Proof of compliance:** The IT asset audit generates detailed documentation on the security measures put in place. This documentation can serve as proof of compliance with Law 25 by demonstrating that the organization takes the protection of personal information seriously and has controls in place to secure it.
3. **Incident detection:** Monitoring, or surveillance, consists of monitoring the activities of the network and computer systems in real time. It helps quickly detect suspicious activities or potential data breaches. In the event of an incident, an immediate response can be put in place to minimize impacts and comply with the notification obligation under Law 25.
4. **Continuous improvement:** Auditing and monitoring are not one-off processes, but ongoing activities. They ensure continuous improvement in the security of personal information. By regularly identifying new threats and adjusting security measures accordingly, an organization can better comply with the law and protect data more effectively.



5. Evidence in the event of a dispute: In the event of a dispute or investigation into a data breach, the IT asset audit and monitoring data can be used as evidence to demonstrate the efforts made to protect personal information in accordance with the law.

In summary, IT asset auditing and monitoring are essential to identify vulnerabilities, detect incidents, ensure legal compliance, improve security and provide evidence when needed, which is essential to meet the requirements of the Quebec Law 25 on the protection of personal information.