

DATA CENTER WALKTHROUGH CHECKLIST

This checklist will give you some tips on what to look for in a secure hosting partner and provide you with a checklist of what you should expect to find when you take a tour of a potential data center. The data center provider you choose is more than just a building. You'll be keeping the most valuable assets of your company there, whether it's on a physical or virtual server.

- Compliance
 - SSAE 16
 - SOC 2
 - SOC 3
 - HIPAA
 - PCI
- Two-factor authentication or similar secondary security procedure
- SLA provided
- Locked doors, alarm systems
- Business Associate Agreements provided (for HIPAA compliance)
- Strong protection against social engineering
- Copy of independent audit reports received
- Outage policies and procedures reviewed
- Systems reviewed
 - Power
 - Cooling
 - Network
 - Fire suppression