COPPA

Summary

Regulation: Children's Online Privacy Protection Act

Abbreviation: COPPA

Governs these parties: websites, online services, and mobile apps that collect personal information from children under the age of 13 to obtain parental consent and implement reasonable data security practices, and it applies to both commercial and non-profit entities.

Enforced by: the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Details

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) is a federal law in the United States that was enacted in 1998 to protect the privacy and personal information of children under the age of 13 who use online services. Under COPPA, websites, online services, and mobile apps that collect personal information from children under the age of 13 must obtain parental consent before collecting, using, or disclosing that information. The law also requires these services to provide parents with access to their child's personal information and the ability to delete it if they choose to do so.

COPPA also requires companies to implement reasonable data security practices to protect the confidentiality, security, and integrity of the personal information collected from children. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is responsible for enforcing COPPA and can take action against companies that violate the law, including imposing fines and other penalties. The law applies to operators of commercial websites and online services, as well as non-profit organizations and government entities.

The rest of this document is designed to help our community understand COPPA better by outlining the following information.

- **How it Relates to Cybersecurity**
- **How Coro Handles Compliance for You**

How it Relates to Cybersecurity

COPPA requires companies to implement reasonable data security practices to protect the personal information of children under the age of 13 who use online services, and this helps to prevent unauthorized access, theft, or loss of sensitive data, as well as protect companies from financial losses and reputational damage.