

# Empowering Small Business

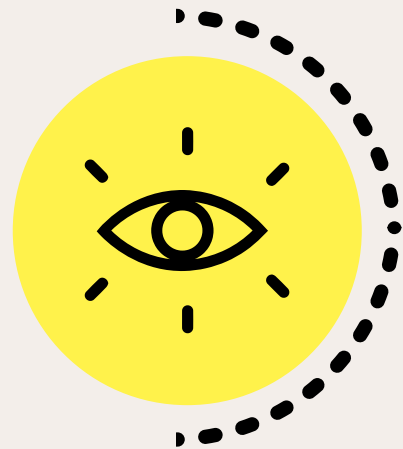
**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR TRADE SECRETS TODAY!**

*Discover the hidden power within trade secrets – those valuable, confidential nuggets that set your small business apart. Whether it's a secret formula or a unique method, these treasures give you a competitive edge. But remember, the real magic lies in keeping them safe. Sharing trade secrets could mean losing that edge.*

# 1

## START NOW

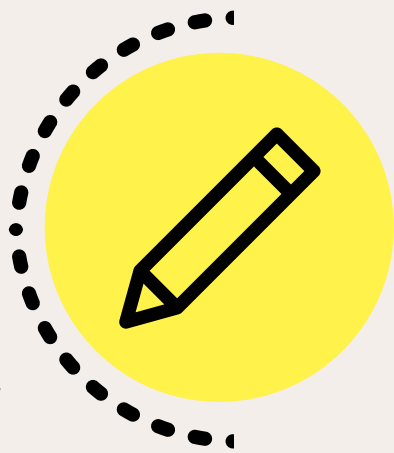
Don't wait for a bigger budget, take the first steps now to secure your valuable assets => sensitive commercial and technical information. After all, you do not need a big budget. My secret tip: Start Small, Start Smart.



# 2

## DESIGNATE

Designate a Trade Secrets Guardian: Appoint one dedicated individual to oversee and protect your valuable trade secrets. This person will take charge of implementing security measures and ensuring confidentiality. Nothing is going to happen if nobody is in charge



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## IDENTIFY

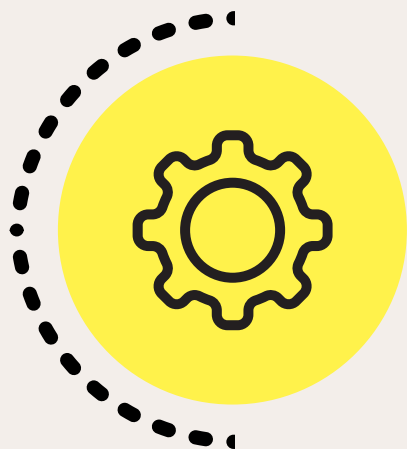
Take some time to analyze your business operations and identify any information, processes, or data that could be considered a trade secret. Look for unique know-how, customer lists, specialized formulas, or anything that gives your company a competitive edge



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## RESTRICT

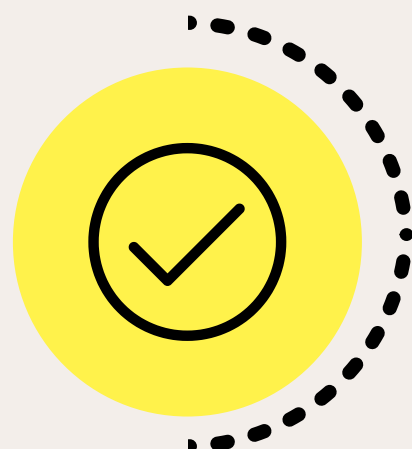
Based on the trade secrets you've identified, create a system to restrict access to this confidential information. Only grant access to employees or partners who genuinely need it for their work. Use secure passwords, encryption, or physical locks to protect digital and physical trade secrets.



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## ESTABLISH

Establish a company culture that values confidentiality and trade secret protection. Encourage open communication about the importance of safeguarding trade secrets, and create an environment where employees feel comfortable reporting any security concerns.



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