

# FOIA Shield – Standards Alignment Matrix

This document aligns FOIA Shield’s documented behavior with widely recognized privacy and security standards. Alignment reflects design intent and default behavior and does not constitute formal certification or legal compliance.

## GDPR Alignment

Article / Principle	Requirement	FOIA Shield Alignment
Art. 5(1)(a)	Transparency	Clear public documentation of data handling
Art. 5(1)(b)	Purpose limitation	Used only for drafting and optional transmission
Art. 5(1)(c)	Data minimization	Optional fields; no accounts or tracking
Art. 5(1)(e)	Storage limitation	No persistent storage of drafts by default
Art. 25	Privacy by design	AI disabled by default; no third-party scripts

## CPRA / CCPA Alignment

Topic	Requirement	FOIA Shield Alignment
Notice at collection	Disclose categories	Optional identifiers and request text disclosed
Purpose	Business purpose stated	Drafting and submission of FOIA requests
Retention	Retention limits	Not retained by plugin by default
Sharing/Selling	No selling of PI	No selling, sharing, or advertising

## NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 Alignment

Control	Intent	FOIA Shield Alignment
PL-2	System planning	Public documentation functions as system description
RA-3	Risk assessment	Threat model documented
SI-10	Input validation	Sanitization and escaping used
SC-8	Transmission confidentiality	Relies on HTTPS and SMTP/TLS
AC-6	Least privilege	Admin-only configuration via WordPress roles

## OWASP ASVS Alignment

ASVS Area	Requirement	FOIA Shield Alignment
V4	Access control	Admin pages restricted by WP capabilities

V5	Validation	Sanitization and output escaping
V8	Data protection	No at-rest storage; controlled transmission
V10	Errors/logging	No logging of sensitive content
V14	Configuration	Secure defaults; optional features off

## **Operator Responsibilities Checklist**

The following responsibilities fall on the site operator deploying FOIA Shield:

- Enable HTTPS site-wide
- Configure SMTP with TLS if email sending is enabled
- Publish a site privacy notice referencing FOIA Shield usage
- Review server logging and retention settings
- Publish AI provider disclosure if AI features are enabled