

# How SQLsafe works with TSM

When you perform a TSM backup, the SQLsafe Backup Agent sends the data files directly to the TSM Server using the TMS Client API, which handles the final storage and management of the backup archives. The SQLsafe Backup Agent uses the TSM Client API options file to locate the TSM Server.

During the backup operation, SQLsafe compresses and optionally encrypts the data files before sending them to the TSM Server, minimizing the impact on your network and storage requirements. The SQLsafe user interfaces expose several TSM parameters, such as retention periods and storage locations, that can help you and the TSM Administrator more easily manage your backup archives. For more information about specific TSM functions, see the IBM TSM Backup-Archive Clients Installation and User's Guide.