

# Create a Status Alert

Creating a Status Alert rule allows you to proactively identify potential issues in your IDERA SQL Compliance Manager deployment that could disrupt your ability to continue auditing. For more information, see [Use Status Alerts to ensure compliance](#).

## To create a Status Alert:

1. Select **Alert Rules** in the **Administration** tree.
2. Click **Status** on the **New Rule** ribbon.
3. Select the type of SQL Compliance Manager status that you want to alert on.
4. In the **Edit rule details** pane, define the criteria under which the alert should trigger, and then click **Next**.
5. Select the action you want SQL Compliance Manager to take when this alert triggers, and then click **Next**. To configure the email notification message or event log entry, use the links provided on the rule details pane.
6. Specify a name and appropriate alert level for this alert, review the summary, and then click **Finish**. By default, the new alert rule is enabled.