

# Add new policy

The **Create Policy** wizard allows you to add a custom policy to IDERA SQL Secure. As a part of this wizard, you will name the policy, select the security checks and their associated risk levels, assign the SQL Server instances you want to assess, and specify additional internal review notes to include in the Risk Assessment report. When you create a policy, you can choose one of the built-in templates based on known industry regulations and best-practices.

To open the **Create Policy** wizard, click **Create a Policy** on the Policy Actions ribbons of any of the tabs of the **Security Summary** view.



Individual SQL Server instances can belong to multiple security policies. For more information on adding SQL Server instances to a policy, see [Assign SQL Servers to Policy](#).

When you open the **Create Policy** wizard you need to configure the following actions:

- [Select policy template](#)
- [Specify policy properties](#)
- [Select Security Checks](#)
- [Assign SQL Servers to policy](#)
- [Schedule Policy Snapshots](#)
- [Enter internal review notes](#)
- [Review policy summary](#)

## How policies work

By default, SQL Secure assesses the latest audit data for each SQL Server instance, using the policy's security check criteria to identify issues. You can also choose to assess audit data from a historical point in time.

Review the policy assessment in the following ways:

### Security Summary

The [Enterprise and Server Security Summary](#) displays the results of your policy assessments.

### Reports

You can [run reports](#), such as the Risk Assessment report, on the policy or on specific SQL Server instances.

### Email Notifications

You can [configure email notifications](#) to be sent, at each scheduled snapshot, when security risks are encountered.

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