COMMON DPDPA COMPLIANCE MISTAKES

1 Collecting More Data Than Necessary

Mistake: Gathering excessive personal data without a clear purpose.

Fix: Collect only what is required for the specified purpose.

2 Invalid or Vague Consent

Mistake: Using pre-ticked boxes or unclear consent notices.

Fix: Obtain clear, informed, and affirmative consent.

3 Poor Consent Recordkeeping

Mistake: Unable to prove when or how consent was obtained.

Fix: Maintain auditable consent logs and records.

4 Ignoring Data Principal Rights

Mistake: Delaying or failing to respond to access, correction, or erasure requests.

Fix: Establish a streamlined rights management process.

5 Weak Third-Party Oversight

Mistake: Assuming vendors handle compliance independently.

Fix: Assess, monitor, and contractually govern data processors.

6 Delayed Breach Reporting

Mistake: No structured incident response or breach notification plan.

Fix: Prepare and test a DPDPA-aligned incident response process.

7 Inadequate Security Controls

Mistake: Relying on basic security measures for sensitive data.

Fix: Implement risk-based technical and organizational safeguards.

8 Treating Compliance as a One-Time Activity

Mistake: Conducting a single assessment and moving on.

Fix: Continuously review policies, controls, and compliance posture.

DPDPA compliance is continuous.

Build governance, strengthen security, and review your data practices regularly to stay compliant and resilient.

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