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For whoever has just inherited a cloud account and wants to know where it stands before diving into runbooks.

When you have worked through this, you will have: your free posture result, and the five starter moves that matter most.

Your Free tier holds **1 document** (plus the interactive assessment). A “start here, in this order” guide only earns its place once there are several documents to sequence — so at this tier it is a single entry and a pointer onward.

The one guide

1. Your First Cloud Security Fixes

PDF · 30-40 min to read · Whoever the cloud account belongs to

A plain-English walk through five starter moves — the account inventory, the identity locks, logging, closing public access, and the incident card.

Reach for it when: First. It is the free starter, and the shortest account of what the paid toolkit is doing and why.

You finish with: A clear picture of the five things that matter most, and a printable checklist to start from.

The interactive assessment

Not a document — a short questionnaire that scores where you stand and points at the gaps.

→ Take the free cloud security assessment.

When you outgrow the free tier

The Solo toolkit turns these five moves into worked runbooks — the account inventory, the identity locks, logging, closing public access, and an incident card — with a Start here catalog to sequence them.

→ See the Solo, Team and Enterprise editions.

About This Document

This document is part of the **Cloud Security Assessment - Free Edition**, produced by **Sylvan Assurance, LLC**.

It provides **general guidance and recommended practices** for securing cloud environments, drawn from widely recognised standards and frameworks (for example the Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks for the major cloud platforms, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) cloud computing guidance, and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/IEC 27017 code of practice for cloud security controls). It is **not** a professional security audit, a penetration test, a certification, or legal advice, and it does not create any advisory or consulting relationship.

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