



## Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson is the founder and executive director of the National Association for Information Destruction (NAID).

NAID's purpose is to educate government and business of the need to properly destroy discarded information, as well as to promote ethics and security standards among its members. Johnson has also overseen the development of NAID-Canada, NAID-Europe, and NAID-Australasia for which he also currently serves as executive director. The association now represents over 1,300 member-locations globally.

In his capacity at NAID, Johnson is routinely sought out by policy makers in the United States as they look to create regulations and standards concerning proper information disposal. He has consulted with both the Federal Trade Commission in the development of the only national destruction requirement in the US and by the US Financial Services Committee during their data protection hearings in 2006.

Johnson has testified by invitation before the Canadian House of Commons, as well as before the Canadian Privacy Commissioner on the issue of proper information destruction. He served by special invitation on the British Standards Institution's committee responsible for developing practices standards for information destruction firms in the UK. **He also currently serves on the Information Asset Protection Council and the Information Protection Guidelines Committee of ASIS International.**

With over 27 years in the secure destruction industry, Johnson is often invited to speak and write on a wide range of issues related to the proper disposal of information, data protection legislation, and compliance development and vendor selection.