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Payroll & Compliance Playbook

Predict Incidents Early & Prescribe Schedule/Policy Fixes



Purpose

Reduce payroll errors, compliance violations, and rework by building early-warning signals and prescriptive actions (schedule tweaks, break insertion, document renewals) that protect employees and the business — without adding admin burden.

Example outcomes & KPIs

- Payroll exceptions ↓ 30–60% (voids, reversals, manual corrections)
- Compliance violations \$\psi\$ (overtime, meal/rest break, spread-of-hours, classification, document expiry)
- Time-to-resolution ↓
- After-cycle adjustments ↓; audit exposure/fines ↓
- Manager workload (timecard approvals) ↓
- Employee pay accuracy ↑; trust/NPS ↑







Prerequisites & Data



Prerequisites

- Consolidated Time & Attendance (T&A)
 feeds with standardized fields and
 timezone handling
- Written policy/rule library (jurisdictional labor rules, union CBAs, internal policies) mapped to machine-readable checks
- HRIS alignment (employment type, exempt status, FTE %, work authorization dates)
- Incident log (violations, audits, fines, adjustments) and escalation playbook
- Privacy/Legal review for monitoring and alerting

Data you need

- Time & Attendance: timecards, shift start/end, breaks, overtime...etc.
- HRIS: contract type, FTE %, exempt/nonexempt, union status, job level
- Payroll: pay rates, differentials, premiums, corrections/reversals, off-cycle payments
- **Policy**: jurisdictional rules (OT thresholds, breaks), union agreements, company policies (max consecutive days, min rest)
- Incidents: historical violations, fines, audit notes, SLA to resolution, root-cause tags (scheduling, training, system)







Executive Sponsor

- Sets the vision, success criteria, and guardrails
- Secures resources, removes blockers
- Approves scope and scale-up decisions



Payroll & Compliance Lead

- Owns policy accuracy and change management
- Prioritizes risk areas
- Signs off rule packs and remediation playbooks
- Coordinates audits



HRIS & Timekeeping Data Steward

- Enforces data standards for timecards/shifts/exception codes
- Manages integrations and audit trails
- Runs data-quality checks and fixes



- Drive adoption with managers
- Validate proposed schedule/policy fixes
- Ensure interventions fit operational realities



People Analytics Lead

- Builds predictive models and rule engines
- Designs alerts and dashboards
- Tracks lift vs. baseline, monitors fairness and model drift



Data Privacy & Ethics Officer

- Ensures lawful basis, data minimization, retention limits, and consent
- Reviews rule logic for legal accuracy
- Approves communications and audits



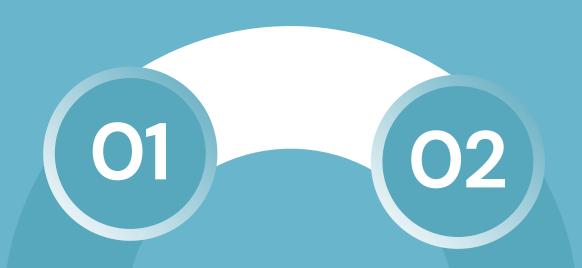




Map rules & risks

Translate labor rules & policies

into machine-readable checks (e.g., max hours/day, min break/rest, max consecutive days, spread-of-hours)

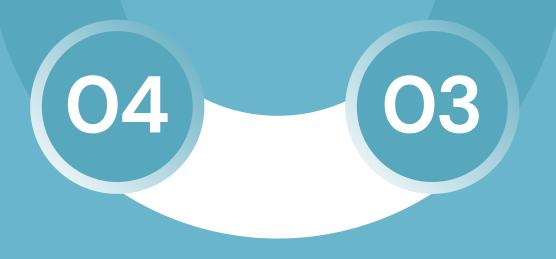


Prioritize

by exposure and frequency

Agree on fairness boundaries

E.g., avoid systematic burdening of specific crews



Define severity tiers

and escalation paths for each tier

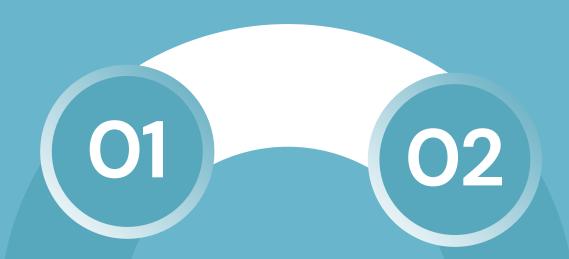




Build early-warning signals

Use deterministic checks

e.g. breaks, consecutive days, OT thresholds

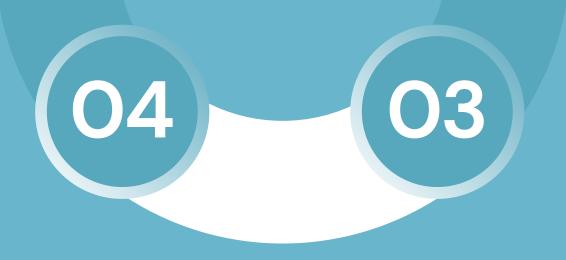


Add predictive models

E.g. isolation forest/autoencoder, classification for "likely violation next pay period"

Publish heatmaps

Focus efforts on 'hotspots'



Surface leading indicators

e.g. manager/team, site, week-of-year, role; track data drift and false-positive rates

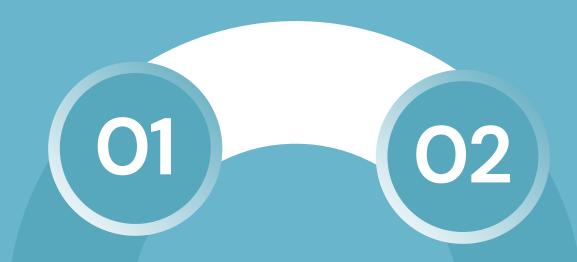




Propose corrective actions

Auto-suggest fixes

insert rest breaks
cap OT
swap/reassign shifts
stagger start times
rebalance rosters
trigger document-renewal workflows weeks
before expiry



Quantify impact prior to change

Violation risk reduction Coverage maintained Cost delta



Present options to managers

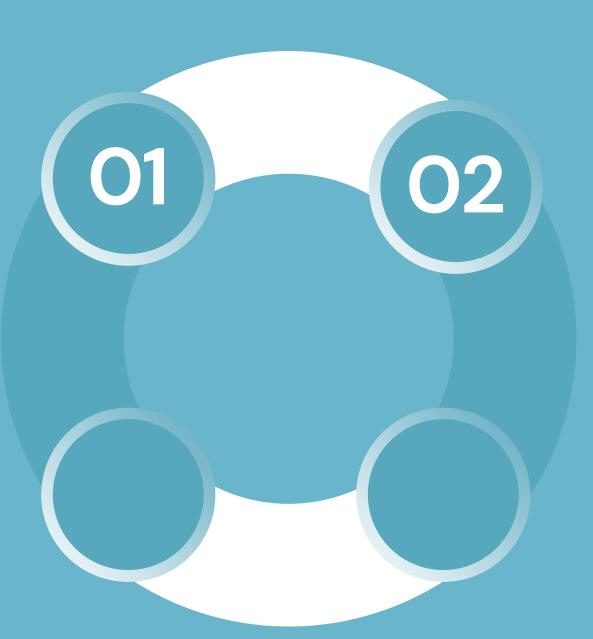
1-3 options with pros and cons





Deliver alerts

Add one-click approvals/alternatives in the scheduling/timekeeping tool Record outcomes and reasons



Provide employee comms

E.g., upcoming schedule adjustments, break entitlements
Log acknowledgments for audit







Audit & improve

Monthly review

incident rate
manual corrections
time-to-resolution
fine exposure
false-positive rate
fairness by site/role/shift

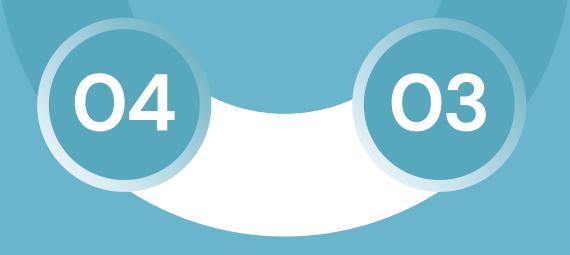
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Update rule packs

for regulatory changes

Refresh enablement

Capture learnings in a playbook



Re-train models quarterly

Use the latest policies and data



Evaluation and ROI



Benefits

- Fewer violations/fines
- Less rework and off-cycle pay
- Reduced manager time on corrections
- Higher pay accuracy/trust
- Lower legal exposure



Sample ROI

[(Benefit – Cost) / Cost] × 100 where Benefit includes avoided fines, labor savings (manager/admin hours), error-reduction savings, and reduced attrition from pay accuracy



Quarterly report

Quarterly executive summary with risk heatmaps, lift vs. baseline, cost/benefit attribution, and compliance attestations







Degrading accuracy can flood managers with noise or miss violations.

Track precision/recall, recalibrate quarterly, and cap alert volume with priority tiers.





Regulatory change & policy gaps

Outdated rules create exposure.

Maintain a change log, scheduled reviews with
Legal, and versioned rule packs.

Privacy & surveillance concerns

Over-monitoring erodes trust.

Use minimal necessary data, aggregate where possible, and provide clear notices and audit trails.





Manager override abuse

Bypassing suggested fixes reintroduces risk.
Require reasons for overrides, sample audits, and coaching for repeat patterns.



Quick-start checklist

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Prepare

Consolidated T&A + HRIS join keys and clean exception codes

Machine-readable rule library with Legal sign-off and severity tiers

Baseline dashboards (incidents, corrections, exposure) and hotspot heatmaps

- Deterministic checks + predictive early-warning model; alert thresholds
- Prescriptive playbooks (schedule/break/renewal options) embedded in tools
- Manager enablement (one-click actions, comms templates)
- Monthly risk review and fairness monitoring

 Quarterly model refresh; audit-ready documentation





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