

# 5 Safes of secure access to confidential data

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Safe settings: Introduction



Administrative Data  
Research Network

UK Data Service



HM Revenue  
& Customs



Office for  
National Statistics



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# Safe settings: data or access distribution?

- What are the advantages in distributing data to users?
- What are the advantages in retaining full control over the data?
- What sort of data/research questions are suited to each type?



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# Many different (proven) models

- Distributed data
  - Public Use Files
  - Scientific Use Files
  - research-specific datasets
  - purpose-built facilities

Licensing used to promote non-data controls

- Distributed access
  - RDCs
  - Remote RDCs
  - Remote job submission
  - Serviced facilities

Non-data controls directly implemented

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# Things to think about

- What will your users put up with (eg travel)?
- How valuable is the data?
- Will you train on-site/off-site users?
- What are your resources (financial/people)?
  
- Next:
  - Tony on the ONS remote RDC
  - Mus on the implications of getting IT accreditation
  - Arne on formal and informal governance tools
  - Louise on combining solutions to overcome obstacles

