

Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

Internet Privacy Policy Statement and Disclaimer

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Privacy Information

Thank you for visiting our website. The purpose of this Privacy Statement is to explain the types of information we obtain about visitors to our website, how the information is obtained, and how the information is used.

It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia that personal information about citizens will be collected only to the extent necessary to provide the service or benefit desired; that only appropriate information will be collected; that the citizen shall understand the reason the information is collected.

This document explains how we gather information on our web site and with whom and under what conditions the agency shares this information. The following is intended to explain our current Internet privacy practices but shall not be construed as a contractual promise. We reserve the right to amend this Internet Privacy Policy Statement at any time without notice.

In General

You do not have to provide any personal information to visit the website. This means that you can visit our website without telling us who you are or revealing any information about yourself.

Virginia law requires that state bodies not collect personal information about citizens unless it is required to provide services for the citizen. When personal information is collected, it must be protected from unauthorized access, use or disclosure, and we are required to provide a prescribed procedure by which you may learn the purpose for which information has been recorded and how the agency will use and disseminate it.

Information We Collect

We endeavor to collect only the minimum amount of information needed to provide services. If you do nothing during your visit to our website but browse or download information, we automatically collect and store the following information about your visit:

1. the Internet domain and IP address from which you accessed our site;

2. the type of browser and operating system you used;
3. the date and time you visited this site;
4. the pages visited; and
5. if you linked from another website, the address of that website.

See also this policy's Cookies section below.

The information collected is used to improve the content of our Web services and to help us understand how people are using our pages. We analyze our website logs to continually improve the value of the materials available on our site. The information in our Web logs is not personally viewable and no attempt is made to link it with the individuals that browse our website.

** This site may utilize the ReciteMe assistive toolbar to enhance user interactions for the best online experience. If you choose to engage in this experience, it will require that you enter some personal data in order to interact. While the security and operability of this tool aligns with our Privacy Policy, if you would like more specific information from ReciteMe on what data may be collected and how it is stored please click here: <https://reciteme.com/us/policies/privacy-policy/>*

Online Services

Though personal information may be required either by law or in order for us to provide a requested service, in doing so we are subject to the requirements for administering information systems as established in the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, Chapter 38 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia. A different agency or entity, whose practices are not under our control, may regulate pages that appear after you click on a link. If you choose to provide your personal information (name, email) and log on to one of our current online services, (i.e. google forms, ListServ), personal information that you submit is captured to enable you to conduct business with us.

Information Access

Any personal information that is collected and retained by us is maintained in compliance with the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, Chapter 38 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia. The agency does not share, sell or trade e-mail addresses, information collected on surveys or any other information about its online customers to any entity except as provided for or required by Chapter 38 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, or other law. Under FOIA, any records in our possession at the time of a Freedom of Information Request might be subject to being

inspected by or disclosed to members of the public. If necessary, we may disclose user information if there is reason to believe that disclosing such information is necessary to identify, contact, or bring legal action against an individual who attempts, even unintentionally, unauthorized access to our agency information or to disrupt our web site.

Use of "Cookies"

In certain applications, user information is stored as "cookies," which are then sent back and stored on your hard drive. Cookies allow the agency to save the information that you input while progressing through an online transaction. If your browser is not configured to accept cookies, you will still be able to access the information on the web site, but you may not be able to complete many of the online transactions. No user information is gathered through cookies except for that needed to run the specific application.

Security

We maintain security standards and procedures regarding unauthorized access to customer information to prevent unauthorized removal or alteration of data. When you browse our web site, none of your personal information is captured or stored by the agency. We protect website records in accordance with our obligations as defined by applicable Virginia statutes, including, but not limited to, the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and by any applicable U.S. federal laws.

Information Accuracy

We have established procedures to ensure that information is as accurate and current as is practical to enable us to conduct business with you. Although the agency strives to do things right the first time, it also responds to requests to correct inaccurate information in a timely manner.

Contact Us

When visiting the site, you may contact us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or would like a return call. If you would like the agency to mail you materials, we will request your mailing address so that it may provide the appropriate materials. Personal information that you provide to us is safeguarded according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Unauthorized attempts to modify any information stored on this system, to defeat or circumvent security features or to utilize this system for other than its intended purposes are prohibited and may result in criminal prosecution.