

Privacy Notice and Policies

The following notice applies to the New Jersey Office of Public Defender's website at www.nj.gov\defender.

Visitors to the New Jersey Office of Public Defender's web site should be aware of this notice. This statement addresses the collection, use, security of and access to information that may be obtained through the use of the New Jersey Office of Public Defender's web site. This notice covers the following topics:

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Section A. Information Collected and How it is Used

Information is collected and stored automatically. If you do nothing during your visit but browse through the web site, read pages, or download information, The State of New Jersey will gather and store the following information about your visit automatically:

- 1. The Internet domain (for example, "xcompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "yourschool.edu" if you connect from a university's domain) and IP address (an IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer whenever you are surfing the Web) from which you access our web site.
- 2. The type of browser used such as Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Google Chrome.
- 3. The type of operating system used to access our site, such as Windows, Macintosh, etc.
- 4. The date and time you accessed our site and the pages you visited.
- If you linked to the New Jersey web site from another web site, the address of that web site. This information does not identify you personally.

We use this information to help us make our site more useful to visitors, to learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use. We do not track or record information about individuals.

If you choose to provide us with personal information, (i.e., an e-mail to Public Relations, Privacy Officer or to the Webmaster), or by completing a form with your personal information and submitting it to us through our web site then we use that information to respond to your message and to help us get you the information you have requested. We only share the information you give us with another government agency if your inquiry relates to that agency, or as otherwise required by law. New Jersey Office of Public Defender does not collect information for commercial marketing.

Section B. Personal Information and Choice

You may choose whether or not to provide personal information online. "Personal information" is information about a natural person that is readily identifiable to that specific individual. Personal information includes such things as an individual's name, address, and phone number. A domain name or Internet protocol address is not considered personal information.

We collect no personal information about you unless you voluntarily provide it to us by sending us e-mail, participating in a survey, or completing an online form. You may choose not to contact us by e-mail, participate in a survey, or provide any personal information using an online form. Your choice not to participate in these activities will not impair your ability to browse the State of New Jersey web site and read or download any information provided on the site.

Section C. Email

e-mail is not a secure medium. Personal information sent via the Internet can be intercepted. You may want to reconsider sending messages that contain sensitive or personal information to this Internet address.

New Jersey Office of Public Defender does not plan on divulging information collected or information disclosed voluntarily, but may be required to do so pursuant to a request under:

- The primary legislation for the NJ Office of the Public Defender is Title 2A:158A-3, et. seq.
- 2. The NJ OPD adheres to the New Jersey Court Rules for all primary operations.
- 3. The work of the NJ OPD is also guided by the New Jersey Administrative Code 17:39-3.1, et. seq.

If you believe that your personal information is being used for a purpose other than what was intended when submitted, you may contact the Privacy Officer as shown in the Contact Information Section of this statement.

Section D. Public Access to Information

In the State of New Jersey, laws exist to ensure that government is open, and that the public has a right to access appropriate records and information possessed by state government. At the same time, there are exceptions to the public's right to access public records that serve various needs including the privacy of individuals. Exceptions are provided by both state and federal laws. All the information collected at this site becomes public records that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public unless an exemption in law exists.

Section E. Cookies

New Jersey Office of Public Defender uses cookies to customize and enhance your browsing experience. Cookies are simple text files stored on your computer by Internet web sites to help identify users and enhance customer service. Cookies created by using New Jersey Office of Public Defender web site may contain personally identifying information such as user contact information consisting of name, address, phone number or e-mail address. The cookie feature is used only to store a randomly generated identifying tag on your computer and does not compromise your privacy or security.

Section F. Security

The State of New Jersey provides New Jersey Office of Public Defender with the necessary safeguards to ensure the integrity of New Jersey Office of Public Defender data and to prevent unauthorized access to the information maintained. These measures are designed and intended to prevent corruption of data, block unknown or unauthorized access to our systems and information, and to provide reasonable protection of private information in our possession.

Section G. Contact Information

To offer comments about our information presented in this Privacy, contact Privacy Officer.

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