

WILENET Privacy Policy

The Wisconsin Department of Justice ("DOJ") maintains this website to provide information and service to the Wisconsin law enforcement community. In order to operate this website, we collect certain information about use of the site. We also allow users to send e-mail and submit other information to WILENET. The purpose of this privacy policy is to let you know what information is collected, why it's collected, how it's used, and the extent to which the information may be disclosed to third parties.

- **What Information Does the Website Collect and How do We Use the Information?**

The website does not collect any personally identifiable information¹ from you without your knowledge. We only collect personally identifiable information if you choose to identify yourself by sending us an e-mail or submitting other information to DOJ. The only personally identifiable information we collect in those instances is the information that you voluntarily submit.

This site **does** send "cookies"² to your computer. Cookies are used on WILENET to keep the site secure. When a user successfully logs in, the secure homepage is returned along with a cookie that identifies the relationship between the user's browser and the WILENET site. The information held by this cookie defines the access rights the person who logged into WILENET.

When you visit this website to browse or download information or link to another website, our server will collect a small amount of basic information in log files that enables us to identify operational problems and correct them. The information collected includes your browser type (*e.g.*, Microsoft Internet Explorer, Chrome), your operating system (*e.g.*,

¹ **Personally Identifiable Information:** We consider any information that could readily be used to identify you as personally identifying information. Much of this information is the same as that identified in Wisconsin's criminal statute prohibiting Identity Theft, Sec. 943.201, Wis. Stats. It includes, but is not limited to:

1. Your name
2. Your address
3. Your telephone number
4. Your email address
5. Your driver's license number
6. Your Social Security number
7. Bank account information
8. Credit card information
9. Any combination of data that could be used to identify you such as your birth date, your zip code, your mother's maiden name and your gender.

² **Cookies:** Occasionally, small text files known as "cookies" are placed on consumers' hard drives by websites for the purpose of monitoring their browsing behavior. These cookies can be placed not only by the web site the consumer happens to be visiting, but also by third parties who may not be evident to the user. Cookies are used by the sites you visit to identify your computer, especially upon return visits to the same site.

Microsoft Windows, Mac OS, Linux), and your IP address (a unique number assigned to a computer when the computer accesses the Internet). DOJ monitors this information to ensure that the website is available for access to all users and to identify unauthorized attempts to use or alter or otherwise damage the website. We do not permanently store this information. This information is automatically deleted on a periodic basis.

- **Will We Share Any Personally Identifiable Information with Other People or Agencies?**

We collect personally identifiable information from you only if you voluntarily choose to send us an e-mail or submit other information to DOJ. If you choose to send us an e-mail, we will use the information that you submit to respond to your inquiry or request. If you choose to submit other information by filling out a form that is on the DOJ website, we will use the information for the purpose specified in the form. We may share the information that you submit with other governmental agencies, if doing so will assist us in responding to your inquiry or submission.

We will not otherwise disclose any information that you submit, unless we are required to do so by law. E-mails and other information that you send become public records when submitted to DOJ. In some circumstances, DOJ may be required to disclose the information in response to a public records request. In other limited circumstances, DOJ may have a statutory obligation to disclose information that you provide or may be ordered to do so by a court of law.

- **Do I have a Choice Whether Personally Identifiable Information is Collected?**

This website only collects personally identifiable information if you voluntarily choose to identify yourself by sending us an e-mail or other information. You are free to choose not to send us an e-mail or other information, if you do not want DOJ to receive personally identifiable information from you.

- **Can I Review Personally Identifiable Information Pertaining to Me that May be in DOJ's Records?**

The Public Records Law gives you the right, with limited exceptions, to inspect any record containing personally identifiable information pertaining to you. You may submit a request to:

Public Records Custodian

Wisconsin Department of Justice
P.O. Box 7857
Madison, WI 53707-7857

- **How Secure is the Information that I Send to DOJ Through this website?**

Any personally identifiable information obtained by or through this website is maintained on separate servers at DOJ, protected from public access via the Internet. It is only available to the public, in any form, when appropriate for release pursuant to the Wisconsin Public Records Law.

- **What Privacy Policy Applies When I Link From the DOJ website to Another Site?**

The DOJ privacy policy applies only when you are on the DOJ website. When you link from the DOJ website to another website, the DOJ privacy policy no longer applies; you are subject to the privacy policy of the other site.

- **What if This Policy Changes?**

DOJ will not implement any change to this privacy policy without first posting the changes on this website at least thirty (30) days in advance of making the change (unless otherwise required by law). If a change to this privacy policy is implemented, any information collected prior to the change will continue to be covered by this current policy (unless otherwise required by law).

- **Who Can I Contact If I Have Questions or Concerns About this Policy?**

Contact the [Webmaster](#) of the site or write:

WILENET Manager

Wisconsin Department of Justice

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