

Privacy Statement

The County of Bedford is committed to protecting your privacy and developing technology that gives you the most powerful and safe online experience. This Statement of Privacy applies to the County of Bedford's web site and governs data collection and usage. By using the County of Bedford's website, you consent to the data practices described in this statement.

Collection of your Personal Information

The County of Bedford collects personally identifiable information, such as your e-mail address, name, home or work address or telephone number. The County of Bedford also collects anonymous demographic information, which is not unique to you, such as your zip code, age, gender, preferences, interests and favorites.

There is also information about your computer hardware and software that is automatically collected by the County of Bedford. This information can include: your IP address, browser type, domain names, access times and referring web site addresses. This information is used by the County of Bedford for the operation of the service, to maintain quality of the service, and to provide general statistics regarding use of the County of Bedford's web site.

Please keep in mind that if you directly disclose personally identifiable information or personally sensitive data through the County of Bedford's public message boards, this information may be collected and used by others. Note: The County of Bedford does not read any of your private online communications.

The County of Bedford encourages you to review the privacy statements of web sites you choose to link to from the County of Bedford so that you can understand how those web sites collect, use and share your information. The County of Bedford is not responsible for the privacy statements or other content on web sites outside of the County of Bedford and County of Bedford family of web sites.

Use of your Personal Information

The County of Bedford collects and uses your personal information to operate the County of Bedford's web site and deliver the services you have requested. The County of Bedford also uses your personally identifiable information to inform you of other products or services available from the County of Bedford and its affiliates. The County of Bedford may also contact you via surveys to conduct research about your opinion of current services or of potential new services that may be offered.

The County of Bedford does not sell, rent or lease its customer lists to third parties. The County of Bedford may, from time to time, contact you on behalf of external business partners about a particular offering that may be of interest to you. In those cases, your unique personally identifiable information (e-mail, name, address, telephone number) is not transferred to the third party. In addition, the County of Bedford may share data with trusted partners to help us perform statistical analysis, send you email or postal mail, provide customer support, or arrange for deliveries. All such third parties are prohibited from using your personal information except to provide these services to the County of Bedford, and they are required to maintain the confidentiality of your information. The County of Bedford does not use or disclose sensitive personal information, such as race, religion, or political affiliations, without your explicit consent.

The County of Bedford keeps track of the web sites and pages our customers visit within the County of Bedford, in order to determine what the County of Bedford's services are the most popular. This data is used to deliver customized content and advertising within the County of Bedford to customers whose behavior indicates that they are interested in a particular subject area.

The County of Bedford web sites will disclose your personal information, without notice, only if required to do so by law or in the good faith belief that such action is necessary to: (a) conform to the edicts of the law or comply with legal process served on the County of Bedford or the site; (b) protect and defend the rights or property of the County of Bedford; and, (c) act under exigent circumstances to protect the personal safety of users of the County of Bedford, or the public.

Use of Cookies

The County of Bedford's Web site use "cookies" to help you personalize your online experience. A cookie is a text file that is placed on your hard disk by a web page server. Cookies cannot be used to run programs or deliver viruses to your computer. Cookies are uniquely assigned to you, and can only be read by a web server in the domain that issued the cookie to you.

One of the primary purposes of cookies is to provide a convenience feature to save you time. The purpose of a cookie is to tell the web server that you have returned to a specific page. For example, if you personalize the County of Bedford's pages, or register with the County of Bedford's site or services, a cookie helps the County of Bedford to recall your specific information on subsequent visits. This simplifies the process of recording your personal information, such as billing addresses, shipping addresses, and so on. When you return to the same County of Bedford's web site, the information you previously provided can be retrieved, so you can easily use the County of Bedford's features that you customized.

You have the ability to accept or decline cookies. Most web browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually modify your browser setting to decline cookies if you prefer. If you choose to decline cookies, you may not be able to fully experience the interactive features of the County of Bedford's services or web sites you visit.

Security of your Personal Information

The County of Bedford secures your personal information from unauthorized access, use or disclosure. The County of Bedford secures the personally identifiable information you provide on computer servers in a controlled, secure environment, protected from unauthorized access, use or disclosure. When personal information (such as a credit card number) is transmitted to other web sites, it is protected through the use of encryption, such as the Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol.

Changes to this Statement

The County of Bedford will occasionally update this Statement of Privacy to reflect County and customer feedback. The County of Bedford encourages you to periodically review this Statement to be informed of how the County of Bedford is protecting your information.

Contact Information

The County of Bedford welcomes your comments regarding this Statement of Privacy. If you believe that the County of Bedford has not adhered to this Statement, please contact The County of Bedford at webmaster@bedfordcountypa.org. We will use commercially reasonable efforts to promptly determine and remedy the problem.