

Website Privacy Policy

The Columbus Compact Corporation (“the Compact”) supports the protection of privacy on the Internet and the principles of disclosure and fair information practices. Your online privacy is a priority. Our firm commitment to your privacy guided the development of our Internet site. It is important to the Compact to help you retain privacy while taking advantage of everything our site has to offer.

Disclaimer: The information presented in this website is believed to be accurate but is not guaranteed. The Columbus Compact Corporation disclaims liability for any errors or omissions. Please send mail to ccc@colcompact.com with questions, comments or problems with this web site.

Here are our policies:

- We will protect the confidentiality of any personal information you share with us, unless we are required to report it by federal, state or local laws.
- We will not monitor individual traffic patterns on our site — only information on aggregate behavior will be collected.
- We will only share your personal information with others if you give permission;
- We will continue to evaluate our efforts to protect your information and will update our privacy policy whenever necessary.
- We will not share any of your personal information with any third parties, unless required by law, without your consent.

The Compact website has two main purposes:

1. Provide useful information for Website visitors.
2. Provide a means to communicate with the Compact. You can use this Website as a convenient alternative to mail or telephone communication.

The Compact Website collects two kinds of information:

1. Information you decide to give us; and
2. Nonpersonal information your computer automatically provides to every Website you visit. This is sometimes referred to as "navigation" information. The Compact retains this information only for a short time.

The table featured below provides a summary of the Compact’s use of information obtained through the use of our Website.¹

	Information You Decide to Give the Compact	Information Your Computer Automatically Transmits to all Websites
How the Compact Uses	The Compact Website provides a convenient way to communicate	The Compact temporarily retains the information automatically

¹ Adapted from the Privacy Policy [Office of the New York State Attorney General, Privacy of Your On-Line Information, http://www.oag.state.ny.us/privacypolicy.html#website](http://www.oag.state.ny.us/privacypolicy.html#website), accessed September 10-11, 2002.

Information You Provide	<p>with the Compact in addition to more traditional means such as the mail, phone or in-person visits. For example, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send the Compact messages • Request information • File comment or complaints • Apply for employment <p>The Compact retains this information and protects it just as if you had sent it by mail.</p>	<p>sent by your computer to evaluate the traffic through the Compact Website to help make the site more user-friendly.</p>
Personally Identifiable Information (PII)	<p>Personally identifiable information ("PII") is information about you, such as your name, address, or telephone number, that someone could use to identify or locate you.</p> <p>The Compact acquires PII online when a visitor sends it. If you browse through the Compact Website - reading, printing, or downloading information such as program materials, maps or press releases—you do not transmit PII.</p> <p>The Compact only uses PII for authorized purposes.</p>	<p>Automatic information typically does not personally identify you. Even when it might, the Compact does not try to discover or use your identity.</p>
Sensitive Information	<p>There may be particular privacy concerns with certain kinds of information such as financial or medical records. The Compact uses such information only for authorized agency purposes.</p>	<p>Automatic information typically does not include any sensitive information about you.</p>
Information Practices the Compact Does Not Use	<p>The Compact does not have a profile database of all online visitors.</p>	<p>The Compact does not use cookies, clear GIFs ("Web bugs"), or any kind of anonymous identifier to try to track or recognize you during your visit, or from visit to visit.</p> <p>The Compact does not draw conclusions about you based on pages you view or search terms you enter.</p>

Data Sharing and Transfer	<p>The Compact does not sell or rent information provided by online visitors.</p> <p>The Compact may share or disclose certain information you provide if necessary to fulfill government functions, such as responding to a court order.</p>	<p>The Compact does not sell or rent the automatic navigation information your computer transmits.</p>
Data Security, Integrity, and Retention	<p>The Compact does not store information submitted by all our visitors in an office-wide, master database.</p> <p>The Compact retains data related to complaints that consumers file.</p> <p>The Compact takes appropriate technical measures to protect the security and integrity of information the Compact receives.</p> <p>Access to information provided by visitors online is limited to Compact personnel who have authorization to the data.</p> <p>The same rules of confidentiality that apply to information you might send the Compact offline apply to information provided online.</p>	<p>The Compact temporarily stores the automatic navigation information in a computer database. After six months, it purges this information from the Compact databases.</p> <p>The Compact takes appropriate technical measure to protect the security and integrity of this information.</p>

The following notices apply generally to any information the Compact receives:

Exceptions	<p>Legal obligations to disclose information: The Compact may disclose information to comply with a court order, authorized law enforcement request, subpoena, or a request under federal or state "freedom of information" law.</p> <p>Emergency exceptions: If necessary to protect health or safety in an emergency situation, the Compact may use, share or disclose information other than outlined in this policy.</p> <p>If there are other exceptions or special needs for handling information in a specific case, the Compact will provide notice as appropriate.</p>
Notice of	<p>If any of the information in this section changes in a material way, the</p>

Changes in this Privacy Policy	Compact will post 30 days advance notice on every page of this Website, with the effective date of the change. Where a page is affected specifically by a change in policy, the Compact will post a clear and conspicuous notice.
Links to other Websites	This Privacy Policy applies to the Website of the Columbus Compact Corporation. While the Compact offers links to other Websites that may be of interest, the Compact disclaims any responsibility for their content and cannot vouch for their information practices.

Details on Compact Online Information Practices

Personally Identifiable Information You Give the Compact	<p>Many visitors to the Compact Website provide personally identifiable information for a particular purpose. For example: If you send the Compact a message and want a reply, the Compact needs at least your name and your e-mail address or telephone number. If you request a publication, the Compact needs your name and street address to send it to you.</p> <p><u>Regarding requests for information, please note:</u> If you request a particular brochure or report, we will send you the document you requested and updated related information as it becomes available. <u>If you want other publications or additional unrelated information, please request it, i.e. opt-in on the Compact's Information Request Form.</u></p>
Details: Sharing Information You Give the Compact	<p>The Compact may need to share your information to perform government functions, just as if you had sent the Compact the information by mail.</p> <p>If you apply for employment, the Compact may need to contact your references and perform other appropriate verification.</p>
Details: Information Your Computer Automatically Provides to All Websites	<p>While you are browsing, your computer automatically provides certain "navigation" information to every Website you visit, including the Compact Website. The navigation information includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The address (also known as URL, short for "uniform resource locator") of any Web page you visited before you linked to a Compact Web page. • Your Internet Protocol address (or "IP address"). This is the Internet's address for your particular computer. A Website's computer must know your IP address so the site can send the Web page you ask to view. • The Web-browsing software you are using. • Whether your computer is configured to display English or some other language. • Your online service provider. <p>Note: Your computer <u>does not</u> automatically provide your e-mail</p>

	address.
Details: Use of information your computer automatically provides to all Websites	<p>The Compact Website uses automatic navigation information for internal, site-monitoring purposes. This data allows Compact staff to measure visitors' interest in different sections of the Website, so the Compact can make the site more useful to visitors.</p> <p>Periodically, the Compact generates internal reports that identify the number of web users on a given day who requested pages through particular online service providers.</p> <p>The Compact <i>does not</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze our visitors' automatic navigation information to attempt to identify unique or repeat visitors • Routinely retain permanent records of automatic navigation information • Attempt to identify individual visitors by analyzing their IP (Internet Protocol) addresses

General Information About Fair Information Practices

The information practices of the Compact incorporate a set of principles that have become known as Fair Information Practices. The Compact follows these principles in handling information about visitors to the Compact Website in the following manner:

Notice and disclosure	The Compact provides notice and disclosure of its information practices by posting its privacy policy.
Choice/ Consent	The Compact receives your online information only when you choose to disclose it, for example, by submitting an online complaint form or request for information. The Compact only uses this information for the purpose for which you disclosed it, except when the law or emergencies require the Compact to do otherwise.
Access	Because the Compact is a credible, community-oriented, non-profit agency, it must carefully safeguard information. The office monitors access to its information on a case-by-case basis. If you need information you previously gave the Compact, please contact this office, and, if known, the person working on your initial request.
Security	The Compact takes reasonable measures to protect the security and integrity of information received. The Compact periodically purges its computer files that log activity on the Compact Website.

General Information about Cookies and Clear GIFs ("Web Bugs")

Although the Compact ***does not*** use cookies or clear GIF's ("Web bugs") on our Website, many sites do use this technology. Here is some helpful information.

Cookies

A Cookie is...	<p>A cookie is a small data file placed on your hard drive by a Website so it can "remember" information about you or your computer. A Website may assign you an ID and create a cookie with that ID number on your computer.</p> <p>The Website then can create a profile with your ID number on the Website's server. In your profile, the Website can store information about your interests and other characteristics. A cookie can be read and updated only by the Website that created it. One Website cannot "peek" at another Website's cookies.</p>
A Cookie is not...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cookie is not a program. It is a data file.• A cookie is not a spy device that can read files on your computer.• A cookie is not a way for a Website to secretly discover your personal information.

Clear GIFs or "Web bugs"

A Clear GIF is...	<p>Another common way that web sites collect information about you is by using technology called clear GIF or "Web bug" (also referred to as a "1-by-1 GIF," "pixel tag," or "Web beacon").</p> <p>A clear GIF is an invisible image that can be imbedded in a Web page or certain kinds of e-mail. ("GIF" stands for "graphical interface format," which is one of the technologies used to show pictures in a Web page.)</p> <p>As with cookies, a Website can use clear GIFs to collect data about you. Unlike cookies, clear GIFs are not stored on your computer. Unlike cookies, most browsers do not have built-in features to explain or help you detect clear GIFs.</p>
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General Information about Children's Online Privacy

The Compact does not solicit information from minors under the age of eighteen. If the Compact receives information submitted by minors (under 18), those communications are accorded the same protections as if the information had been submitted offline. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 ("COPPA") imposes restrictions on commercial Websites, not government agency websites. Although COPPA does not apply to the Compact Website, Compact practices are consistent with its mandates. If you would like more information about COPPA, please visit the FTC's official COPPA page at: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/online/kidsprivacy.htm>