**The MRMS Research Foundation**

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| **Policy Name** | **Privacy Policy** |
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| **Contact Email** | **MRMSFoundation@gmail.com** |
| **Location** | **Minnesota, South Dakota** |

**Introduction**

The MRMS Research Foundation is committed to protecting the privacy of all visitors to our website, including children under the age of 13. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, and safeguard personal information across all age groups.

By using our website, you agree to the terms outlined in this policy.

**Children’s Privacy (Under Age 13)**

We comply with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

* We do **not knowingly collect personal information** from children under 13 without **verifiable parental consent**.
* If we learn that we have collected personal data from a child under 13 without parental consent, we will delete that information promptly.
* Parents or guardians may contact us at **MRMSFoundation@gmail.com** to review, delete, or manage their child’s information.

**Information We Collect**

We may collect the following types of information:

* **Personal Information:** Name, email address, age (if provided), and other contact details
* **Non-Personal Information:** Browser type, device information, IP address, and usage data
* **Voluntary Submissions:** Information submitted via forms, surveys, or email

**How We Use Your Information**

We use collected data to:

* Respond to inquiries and provide support
* Improve website functionality and user experience
* Conduct research and educational outreach
* Send updates, newsletters, or event information (with opt-in consent)

**Data Protection**

We implement reasonable security measures to protect your information from unauthorized access, disclosure, or misuse. However, no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure.

**Sharing of Information**

We do **not sell or rent** personal information. We may share data only:

* With service providers who help operate our website (under strict confidentiality agreements)
* If required by law or to protect our legal rights

**Cookies & Tracking Technologies**

Our website may use cookies and similar technologies to enhance user experience.

* Users can disable cookies through browser settings
* We do not use cookies to track children under 13

**Third-Party Links**

Our website may contain links to external sites. We are not responsible for the privacy practices of those sites. We encourage users to review the privacy policies of any third-party websites they visit.

**Your Rights & Choices**

Users (or parents of users under 13) may:

* Request access to their personal data
* Ask for corrections or deletions
* Withdraw consent for data use

To exercise these rights, email us at **MRMSFoundation@gmail.com**.

**Updates to This Policy**

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. Changes will be posted on this page with a revised effective date. Continued use of our website after changes indicates acceptance of the updated policy.

**Contact Us**

If you have questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or our data practices, please contact: **The MRMS Research Foundation**
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