

# Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Private Investigator

Private Investigator License number:	
Ask for proof of insurance:	
Licensed Private investigators are required to hold liability insurance and each State's	

professional licensing agency will provide the amount of liability insurance needed. Check out <u>Indiana</u> requirements.

#### What areas of investigative services to you specialize?

As with any profession, there are strengths and weaknesses. Investigators that are connected will have solutions to all investigative needs by working with trusted colleagues.

### How will my information be protected during the investigation?

Investigators should provide a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) detailing confidentiality and how the information and communications are protected during the investigation. Are communications encrypted? (email, texting, and phone).

## How much does a private investigator cost?

Each investigation is unique and various skill sets utilized. Your investigator should have an idea of what the charges should be. Depending upon the task requested, a flat fee or retainer fee may be required. Ask for an itemized hourly statement of services when a retainer fee is required.

# Have a good understanding of what private investigators do.

So, what are private investigators allowed to do? What are private investigators not allowed to do? Private investigators are not law enforcement or attorneys; thus, they cannot perform arrests or provide legal advice or services. Private investigators are not allowed to wiretap or retrieve cell phone data. Private investigators cannot access financial records.

#### Want to learn more about how to hire a private investigator?

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