

Enlighten Therapeutic & Consulting Services, LLC

"Transforming Minds One Person at a Time"

EMAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY

Individuals who wish to communicate using email are welcome to do so. However, there are a number of privacy concerns and potential risk factors that should be considered before transmitting confidential information by email.

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- You should not use your work/business email system to send or receive confidential medical information.
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