



Our Privacy Policy

Purpose

Sanctuary Housing cares about protecting your privacy and is required by law to comply with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (the Act), including the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). We take our privacy obligations seriously and this Policy outlines our privacy practices. It explains how:

- (a) we collect, manage, use, store and secure your personal information
- (b) you may access and request correction of any record containing your personal information
- (c) you may make a complaint about a breach of privacy.

Scope

The Policy applies to our staff, volunteers, contractors, and suppliers who handle personal information collected by Sanctuary Housing and its related entities from time to time, (**we, us, our**).

It applies to personal information for individuals that are external to us such as donors, clients, and suppliers (**you, your**).

By providing your personal information to us, you consent to the use, storage, and disclosure of the personal information you provide to us as described in this Policy.

How we manage your Personal Information

We will:

- take all reasonable steps to ensure we are open and transparent about the way we manage your personal information
- maintain adequate security of personal information to seek to protect it from misuse, interference and loss from unauthorised access, modification, or disclosure
- establish reporting channels to receive privacy inquiries from you and for reports of privacy breaches to be received and acted upon
- conduct risk assessment for all new and significant business projects which consider privacy impacts
- provide an option for you to use a pseudonym or otherwise be anonymous unless it is impermissible, impractical or inhibits the adequacy or quality of service provided to you



- the board will oversee privacy governance processes, ensure compliance with the APPs and report on privacy issues
- provide this Policy free of charge and in an appropriate form for public access
- provide relevant work training and privacy awareness on how the APPs apply to us and how they are reflected in privacy practices, procedures, and systems
- periodically review this Policy as well as the privacy practices, procedures, and systems across our organisation to ensure that they remain appropriate to the changing environment we operate in and will notify you by, informing you in our regular communications or posting an updated version of this Policy on our websites.

Personal Information we collect and hold

Kinds of Personal Information

We will only collect information about you that is reasonably necessary for our functions or activities which are listed on the following pages. This may include:

- your name, address, contact and bank and credit card details for clients, volunteers, suppliers, and donors
- your image, video, and sound recordings
- information associated with web browsing, email, text messaging, phone calls or other electronic interaction with you including your phone number and username
- for donors, details relating to your donations and information relevant to the purpose of better identifying donor sources
- for others, other information relevant to the purpose of providing services such as family and living circumstances, education qualifications, employment history, financial information including income, tenancy details, rental history and tenancy reference checks, interests, feedback preferences, usernames and passwords, guardianship and service feedback and complaint details
- sensitive information about you that may include your gender, age, date of birth, health, disability, mental health, racial or ethnic origin, criminal convictions, religious affiliation, tax file numbers, and other particulars required as part of our funding obligations and/or that are relevant for the proper provision of the services that we provide
- survey and questionnaire responses

How we collect and hold Personal Information

Where possible, personal information is collected directly from you with your consent at the time of your interaction with us. In some services, personal information is:

- received from third parties where you are transferred or referred to us for the services that we provide
- received from third parties who obtain your personal information from publicly available sources



- transferred between our own services provided it relates to the primary purpose for which it was collected

Personal information may be collected in hard copy form or electronic form. Hard copy records are required to be held securely. We hold electronic records in databases with security safeguards. Some of those databases are government controlled while some are held by a third-party provider.

Where consent to collection is sought, it is sought voluntarily from you, and we will inform you of what you are consenting to. Our consent agreements are current and specific to the services to be provided to you.

We will not collect sensitive information about you unless you have consented; it is required by law; or in other special specified circumstances, for example relating to health services provision and individual or public health or safety.

Purposes for which we collect, use, and disclose Personal Information

We collect, hold, and use personal information only for the primary purposes for which it was collected or as set out below including:

- to provide services which may include case management, housing support, employment services, counselling, education, volunteering, learning and development and fundraising. Personal information may be shared between more than one legal entity within Sanctuary Housing to provide, expand or improve the services we provide to you or assist with more efficient service delivery
- to comply with the requirements of funding bodies as part of a funding agreement with us
- to operate fundraising and charitable activity in support of our objectives
- to provide customer service functions, including handling customer enquiries, complaints, and feedback
- to facilitate proper governance processes such as risk management, incident management, internal audit, and external audits
- to gather feedback from you and other individuals about the quality of services that we provide so that the services we provide can be continuously improved
- to undertake marketing, fundraising and promotional activities, including activities to better identify donor sources, events and conferences organised and held by us
- to satisfy legal obligations, comply with applicable laws and meet the requirements of bodies which regulate the services we provide
- to understand, through aggregated information, trends, and patterns which we use for research and advocacy
- to fulfil other purposes which you have consented to.

Disclosure to third parties

We will not disclose your personal information to other external organisations except:

- as required by funding agreements
- as required by law
- for transfer to another service provider in accordance with funding agreements
- where we have your consent to do so through your acceptance of this Policy and the disclosure relates to the goods or services, we provide to you
- for a purpose permitted by this Policy; or
- if you request us to do so.

Examples of organisations and/or third parties that your personal information may be provided to include:

- external service providers where you are transferring to a service provider that is not part of us
- a government agency, as required by our funding agreements (which may be for example by portal directly into the agency's database system)
- third party service providers who assist us with the delivery of services or who provide services to or partner with us to enable us to deliver services including by providing IT services, or in undertaking quality assurance of our services, some of which may be overseas
- third party service providers who assist us with fundraising activities or strategy, identifying donor sources or analysis of our fundraising activities, strategy, or patterns (including data collective)
- third parties who assist us with co-ordination of volunteers, community activities and advocacy
- government or non-government agencies where we have a reasonable concern regarding your safety or wellbeing
- third parties who collate and/or analyse information for the purposes of research and advocacy
- third parties for the electronic storage of information, some of which may be overseas

Whilst we seek to ensure through our contracts with external parties that they comply with the Act regarding the use of your personal information, we have limited control around how some external parties (for example, government agencies) use your personal information.

Opt-outs

If you do not wish to receive marketing or promotional communications from us, you should 'unsubscribe' online where a link is provided. In other circumstances, you should contact us on admin@sanctuaryhousing.org.au and we will cease the relevant marketing or promotional communication:

When we are providing services to you, we need to be able to communicate with you in relation to those services.



How you can access and correct your Personal Information

Access

You are entitled to request access to the personal information held by us about you. This is generally provided upon your request subject to completion of our verification and risk processes and to access restrictions imposed or permitted by law. Requests are made to the same point of contact to whom you provided your personal information.

Correction

Where you inform us that information held by us about you is inaccurate, out-of-date, incomplete, irrelevant, or misleading, we will correct it where we agree with you. Notices by you to us to amend information held about you are made to the same point of contact to whom you provided your personal information.

If, having received and considered an application from you to amend your information, we do not consider that the information should be amended, we will not amend it, but we will include a note with the information that you consider that it should be amended, and advise you accordingly.

Retention of personal information

We will retain your personal information in accordance with applicable laws or requirements of any government or other funding body's record-keeping requirements.

Mandatory Notifiable Data Breaches

We will comply with the notification and other requirements of the Act where your personal information held by us has been inadvertently lost or disclosed or improperly accessed and that loss, disclosure or access may result in serious harm to you.

What to do if you have a privacy enquiry or complaint

If you have an enquiry or a complaint concerning collection, use or management of your personal information, please direct your enquiry or complaint to the staff member who is your ordinary contact. Our staff will outline options regarding how your enquiry or complaint may be resolved. We will aim to respond and resolve your enquiry or complaint in a timely and appropriate manner.

We will treat your enquiry or complaint confidentially. You may contact the **Australian Information Commissioner** wherever you believe that your rights to privacy have been breached by us.