

We are committed to responsible management of our users' data and personal information. To meet that commitment, we adhere to three central tenants of data security:

Minimal Data Collection

We are prudent in collecting as little data as possible to facilitate our services. **We do not collect date of birth, social security number, health data, financial information or any other information not listed above or directly related to science fair projects.**

Personal Information Collected by Lab Rat App:

Students (and approving parents/guardians): name, email address, school-based student ID number, signature, school attended, and teacher
Adult users (not including parents/guardians): name, email address, phone number, employing institution, institution address, signature, and relevant educational experience/degrees

Zero Sharing or Commodification of User Data

We **will never** share, sell, or distribute any of the data we collect. Lab Rat does not have a lengthy Terms of Service agreement because we have no intention or desire to do anything with your data other than help you complete science fair forms. Submitted data and intellectual property belong to the users who submitted it.

Securely Controlled Data Storage

Collected data are only stored on secure, encrypted servers housed in the eastern U.S. and on Lab Rat App's own devices. Our data cannot be accessed or moved without prior authorization from us. Aside from Lab Rat App staff, the only people authorized to access any collected data are fair staff and the approvers and teacher/sponsor specified by the fair or the student. [Click here for information about data hosting security](#)

Our commitment to data security and privacy is deep. However, Lab Rat Science Fair App does not accept responsibility or liability for the following:

- **Inappropriate use by fair-approved users**: Any misuse, breach, or inappropriate distribution of data by students, teachers/sponsors, approvers, or fair administration who are granted access by the account administrator or other authorized users is the sole responsibility of those individuals. The only user who is directly granted access by Lab Rat staff are administrator accounts - all additional users are granted access by the fair system itself.
- **Malicious access by unauthorized users**: No organization, including international financial institutions, governments, and corporations, can assure users of full security against malicious actors. Lab Rat App makes use of appropriate security safe-guards and seeks to minimize potential risk of a data breach by collecting minimal personal data that could be improperly used. If there is a data breach, we will quickly and transparently notify potentially impacted fair networks and will support them in notifying their users. Lab Rat Science Fair App does not accept financial or legal liability for unauthorized access or use of data.