

# **Protecting your privacy**

To do its job, the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (the department) collects information about people it works with.

This includes information about you.

There is a law (the *Information Privacy Act 2009*) that says how the department must treat your information.

# What does this mean for you?

### **Collecting your information**

When it collects information about you, the department must:

- only collect information that they need
- collect the information fairly and legally
- tell you:
  - o why it is asking you for information
  - $\circ$  why it is allowed to ask for your information
  - o how it will use your information
  - who may get your information
- only collect information about you that it needs and is up to date
- collect your information in a way that respects your privacy.

#### Security



The department must keep your information safe.

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## How can you ask for a copy of your information or change it?



The department has a <u>Privacy Policy</u> on its website.

It tells you what types of information it collects.

#### Contact the RTI team

The RTI team is the 'Right to Information' team.

They will help you:

- if you want a copy of the information the department has about you
- if you think the information is wrong or not up to date.

You might have to fill out a form.



## Who gets your information?

The department must make sure that:

- they only use correct information
- they only use your information how they said they would
- they do not give your information to anyone else.

There are reasons why the department may need to use or share your information.

Some reasons are:

- when you agree to it
- when there is a safety risk to you or others
- when the law says they can do it.

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# Complaints



If you think the department has done the wrong thing with your information, you can make a privacy complaint.

You can talk to the Complaints team or email them, and they will help you.

#### **Contact the Complaints Team**



Phone: 1800 080 464

Email:

feedback@dcssds.qld.gov.au