

Maryland State Treasurer's Office (STO)

Notice of Privacy Practices

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Introduction

Thank you for visiting the Maryland State Treasurer's Office website and reviewing our privacy practices.

Our privacy practices are clear: we will collect no personal information about you when you visit our website unless you choose to provide that information to us. Please refer to the State's [Information Technology](#) website for additional information on information privacy and security policies in Maryland. The State of Maryland is committed to providing you with websites over which you may securely and confidently transact business with the State.

Here is how we handle information about your visit to our website:

Information Collected and Stored Automatically

If all you do during your visit to our website is browse, read pages, or download information, we will gather and store minimal information about your visit. This information does not identify you personally.

We collect and store the following information about your visit:

- The Internet domain and IP address from which you access our site (for example, "xcompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "yourschool.edu" if you connect from a domain of higher education and the IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer whenever you are accessing the web);
- The type of browser and operating system used to access our site;
- The date and time you access our site;
- The pages you visit on our site; and
- The last website you visited before visiting ours.

This information is collected and used to improve the content of our web services and help us understand how people are using our services. We analyze this information so that we may continually improve the site's usefulness to the public.

If You Send Us Personal Information

You may choose whether to provide personal information online. "Personal information" is information about a natural person that is readily identifiable to an individual. Personal information includes such things as an individual's name, address, and phone number but does not include the user's domain name or IP address.

We only retain personal information if it is provided to us. For example, by sending us an e-mail, participating in a survey, or completing an online form. These actions are voluntary and whether you choose to provide this information will not impair your ability to browse this website and read or download any information provided on the site. We furthermore do not create individual profiles with the information you provide.

If personal information is requested on the website, or volunteered by the user, state law and the federal Privacy Act of 1974 may protect it. However, this information is a public record once you provide it and may be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act.

It is our practice, to the extent authorized by law, to preserve and protect the privacy of personal records and confidential or privileged information. Such information will be disclosed publicly only as required by law or as necessary and permissible to carry out our official duties. Under State law, however, this practice does not apply to information gathered for certain specified purposes, such as the investigation of a possible violation of law.

If you believe that your personal information is being used for a purpose other than what was intended when submitted or have any questions about these privacy practices, you may contact the State Treasurer's Office at the email below.

Website Security

We maintain security standards and procedures regarding unauthorized access to ensure that services remain available to users, prevent unauthorized uploads or changes to information and mitigate damage. Information on individuals attempting to cause damage to this website or to circumvent any security feature will be recorded and released to the appropriate legal authority for investigation and prosecution.

Links to Other Sites

Our website may contain links to other state agencies and web resources. Once you link to another site, you are subject to the privacy practices of the linked site.

Information Provided for Unpresented & Undeliverable Check Search

If you are searching for unpresented or undelivered checks, you will be asked to provide us with information. The information you provide will be used to search our Unpresented and Undeliverable Check Search database and will return information to you that you would need to make a claim for funds that may belong to you.

Information Provided for Tort Claims

If you are filing a tort claim, you will be asked to provide us with information. The information is used to investigate your claim. We may submit your claim information to a third-party as needed for the purposes of processing or evaluating the claim Information.

Privacy Practices Changes

Changes to our website, practices, or applicable law may necessitate changes to our privacy statement. Notification of such changes will be posted on our website. The information contained in these Privacy Practices applies only to the State Treasurer's Office and not to linked websites maintained by another State agency or resource. You should review the individual privacy statement at any website you visit.

Contact Information

You may contact the Maryland State Treasurer's Office Privacy Officer via e-mail at treasurer@treasurer.state.md.us.