

THE OHIO BMV AND YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

1) Does the Ohio BMV sell personal information?

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) works very hard to ensure your personal information is protected. Under the Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act (DPPA), personal information is required to be protected including the person's name, date of birth and address, other than their five-digit zip code.

However, there are exemptions to this Act, which require the BMV to provide personal information to any entity that meets one or more of the exemptions. The exemptions are part of federal law. The BMV created the 1173 form ([link to form](#)) for those individuals or entities that meet exemptions. In some cases, the entities that meet the exceptions receive records in bulk form. In these cases, the BMV enters into a contract with the entity to ensure that if the data is not being used correctly, the BMV can suspend the contract and stop sending the information immediately.

1) Can I have my personal information removed?

No, if you have a driver license, identification card and/or a vehicle registered in the state of Ohio, the BMV is required to give the information to those entities that meet exemptions under the Driver Privacy Protection Act to receive the information.

2) Does the BMV profit?

The BMV charges a minimal fee of .00139 per record for bulk records. This fee covers the processing associated with pulling these records.

3) How does the BMV protect my information?

- We do not release Social Security numbers, except to other government agencies, according to law.
- We do not release resident address information about peace officers, except in accordance with law.
- If you have voluntarily given personal information to a legitimate business, we do release confirmation of that information to that legitimate business. (Example, your insurance company)
- If you have voluntarily given permission to any person to obtain information from us, we do release that information to that person. (This requires your signature)
- We do release information to government agencies, for vehicle safety recalls, to courts, for limited research purposes, to insurance companies, to towing companies, to private investigators, to CDL employers, and for other public safety purposes, all in accordance with the restrictions and limitations imposed by law.

The Driver Privacy Protection Act requires the Ohio BMV to release this information to another entity having an applicable reason under the Act to receive the information.

Ohio Revised Code 4501.27(B)(1) stipulates the applicable reasons: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4501.27>. They are also available for review on the BMV 1173 form, which the BMV requires any person or entity requesting information to submit.

4) What is public record?

By law, your driving record, which includes convictions, accident history, etc., is always public record to any individual or entity that requests it. However, your address, name, date of birth, and personal information, other than the five-digit zip code are redacted and not provided unless the entity meets exemptions set forth by the Driver Privacy Protection Act.