

Privacy Statement for PHDSC Web Sites

The Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC) has created this privacy statement in order to demonstrate our firm commitment to privacy. PHDSC is committed to honoring the privacy of our members and general users who access this site. The following discloses our information gathering and dissemination practices for PHDSC's Web site at www.phdsc.org.

On our web-site, we use your IP address to help diagnose problems with our server, derive usage statistics, and to administer our Web site. All usage statistics are only used as aggregated data to derive statistics and not to identify individuals accessing the Web sites.

PHDSC has contracted with other vendors to provide services and information to our Web site users. We use our best efforts to ensure the contract with such vendors only permits the vendor to use the data collected to diagnose problems and to administer our Web site.

Profile Data and Unique Identifiers

In PHDSC's Web site wiki pages, general profile data on project team members are accessible to PHDSC members and visitors registered with the PHDSC wiki pages administrator. Information provided includes a team member's name, team job title, phone number and e-mail address. In some projects, general profile data on project participants are accessible to PHDSC members and visitors registered with the PHDSC wiki pages administrator. Information provided includes a participant's name, affiliation, professional expertise and e-mail address. Other identifying information is not available.

Unique identifiers (such as username and password) are collected from Web site visitors to verify the user's identity; provide customized Web pages and customized information; and for use as account numbers in our record system. Such unique and individually identified information is never sold nor provided to third parties.

Information You Provide to Us

Our site uses order forms that allow customers to request information, products, and services. We collect a visitor's contact information (name, affiliation, address, phone/fax numbers and e-mail address) and financial information (credit card numbers). Contact information collected from the order form is used to fulfill orders customers. Financial information is used to collect payment from the user for billable products and services.

PHDSC may use the personal information collected through this site to provide you with information, products and services you request or purchase; to contact you with member information; to invite you to participate in benchmark surveys and research projects; to invite you to provide feedback to us; to better understand your needs or interests; or to improve our products and services.

How Your Information Is Shared

PHDSC does not sell or rent the contact information of its members or customers.

PHDSC may from time to time provide personal information to companies that perform services on our behalf, for example, contacting customers who have let their membership lapse. Our service providers are required to protect the confidentiality of the information we provide to them and they may not use it on their own behalf.

Links

PHDSC Web site contains links to other sites. PHDSC is not responsible for the privacy practices or the content of Web sites linked from the PHDSC Web site, nor does linking to other Web sites indicate any endorsement of the site or the products or information provided on such sites.

Data Collection

Online surveys, polls, and all demographic information collected through the sites are used for internal benchmarking and research. Identifying information is not disclosed to outside parties, other than subcontractors of PHDSC, or used to contact users unless they have indicated that they wished to be contacted for follow up.

Security

PHDSC website has security measures in place that endeavor to protect the loss, misuse, and alteration of the information under our control. These sites are a part of private networks that do not provide direct access by outside parties to the servers. All systems are monitored for suspicious activity to prevent any breaches in security.

At least yearly, the PHDSC Executive Director discusses security awareness with PHDSC staff and subcontractors.

Choice to Opt-Out

At the point where we request information about the visitor, our site provides users with the opportunity to opt-out of receiving communications from PHDSC. In case when member or visitor communicates via e-mail, mail or call his/her preference not to receive PHDSC products and services e-mails, faxes, or postal mailings, the PHDSC staff communicate to the Web site/listserv administrator to remove the person from the listservs or mail lists.

If you have any questions about this privacy statement, PHDSC's Web site practices, or your dealings with the Web site, please contact:

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