



Privacy Issues Fireside Chat

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US-VISIT Overview

- In 2004, US-VISIT became the first, large scale biometric identification program of its kind, enabling the collection of international travelers' biometrics – fingerprints and a digital photograph – at US ports of entry.
- Privacy is an integral part of US-VISIT, and is essential to the program's mission.



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US-VISIT and Privacy

- US-VISIT's privacy practices are based on The Privacy Act of 1974 which includes Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs). The Privacy Act helped US-VISIT set important guidelines for approaching privacy within the organization.
- The US-VISIT privacy program promotes privacy awareness, and builds trust by implementing sound privacy practices. This includes the ten Privacy Principles.



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US-VISIT Privacy Principles

#1 Responsibility and Accountability

#2 Identifying Purpose

#3 Limiting Collection, Use,
Disclosure and Retention



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US-VISIT Privacy Principles

#4 Openness and Transparency

#5 Strict Confidentiality

#6 Data Integrity



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#7 Security

#8 Privacy Awareness and Training

#9 Individual Access



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US-VISIT Privacy Principles

#10 Redress

- Through a robust redress program, US-VISIT gives prompt attention to inquiries and requests for amendment or correction of information that might not be accurate, relevant or current.



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US-VISIT Commitment to Privacy

- US-VISIT's Privacy Program is led by a dedicated Privacy Officer with a staff of privacy analysts who are responsible for ensuring compliance with Federal privacy laws and procedures.
- These privacy officials maintain a culture within US-VISIT where privacy is valued, treated as a fundamental right and obligation.



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US-VISIT Commitment to Privacy

- US-VISIT takes privacy into account during all stages of a project – from conception through planning and development and execution – and every aspect of the program.
- US-VISIT is proud of its privacy culture, but we are acutely aware that the protection of privacy requires constant vigilance and openness.



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