



Reporting Data Breaches

Your privacy is important to us. This privacy statement explains what personal data Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service collects about you and how we store and use that data.

Personal data is processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

What information we collect about you

Your name and any other relevant information that may help us in dealing with the suspected data breach. We will also ask for your contact details (which may include your postal address, telephone number and/or email address).

We may also process other personal details, or any third party that are identified during our enquiries, which is pertinent to the investigation.

Why we need it

We need to collect this information in order to be able to investigate and promptly contain a breach and to assess the risk to individuals, ensuring we fulfil our responsibilities under the Legislation. Outcomes are also logged for monitoring and reporting purposes.

Our legal basis for processing

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), we are able to process your personal data under article 6(1)(c) (Necessary for compliance with a legal obligation and 6(1)(e) – performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller. Where special category data is recorded: article 9(2)(b) – Obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement and 9(2)(g) – Substantial public interest. (DPA 2018 Sch.1, Pt 2, 6: Statutory and Government Purposes)

What we do with it

Your name and contact details are logged by the Data Protection Officer (or the Information Governance Team on their behalf). We will only use these details to process your concerns and to contact you should we need to, but only about this investigation.

We do not usually disclose your identity to anyone else within the Service unless it necessary in order for us to investigate the data breach.



Personal information that is identified during the course of our inquiries, may form part of our investigation and may be used to contact relevant individuals once the risk has been assessed.

Sharing your information

We may need to disclose certain information to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), if it is deemed necessary.

There are a number of other reasons why we may share your information outside of our Service. This can be due to:

- ✓ Our obligations to comply with current legislation
- ✓ Our duty to comply with a Court Order
- ✓ You have consented to the sharing / disclosure

We may disclose information to other agencies without consent where it is necessary, either to comply with a legal obligation, or where permitted under the UK General Data Protection Regulation, e.g. where the disclosure is necessary for the purposes of the prevention and/or detection of crime.

We work closely with other agencies, such as councils, health services, adult and children's services and may, for the purpose of preventing risk of harm to yourself or another individual, share your personal information.

As a public authority, we are also subject to information rights legislation (Freedom of Information Act 2000, Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and Data Protection legislation). We do receive requests for information, however, unless there is a legal obligation to provide your personal data, information will be released in a redacted form. This means your personal data will be removed before publication so that you cannot be identified.

Your personal information will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area (EEA).

How long we keep it and how it is stored

We will only retain information for as long as necessary. Records are maintained in line with our retention schedule, which determines the length of time records should be kept.

Consequently, personal information relating to a report of a data breach will be retained for five statistical years at which point it will be reviewed and either deleted or retained further (subject to approval by the Information Governance Manager).



We take our duty to protect your personal information and confidentiality seriously. We are committed to taking all reasonable measures to ensure the confidentiality and security of personal data for which we are responsible, whether computerised or on paper. This means that your information will be kept in a secure environment and access to it will be restricted according to the 'need to know' principle. Personal details will then be destroyed/deleted.

We do compile and publish statistics showing certain information, but not in a form which identifies anyone.

Your rights

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation you are entitled to exercise your right to object to us processing your data and obtain information that is held about you.

If at any point you believe the information we process on you is incorrect, you can request to have it corrected or deleted. Where possible we will seek to comply with your request but we may be required to hold or process information to comply with a legal requirement.

If you wish to discuss the information we hold about you, make a complaint about how we have handled your personal data or object to us processing it, you can contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) who will investigate the matter.

Further information about your individual rights is available on the [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\) website - your data matters](#).

Who to contact

Our Data Protection Officer can be contacted via:

Email: DataProtection@rbfrs.co.uk

Telephone: 0118 945 2888

Write to:

Data Protection Officer
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service
Newsham Court
Pincents Kiln
Calcot
Reading
Berkshire
RG31 7SD



If you are not satisfied with our response or the way we handle your information, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

[ICO Website - make a complaint](#)

Write to: ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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