

McGrady & Company Solicitors Privacy Notice

ABOUT THIS NOTICE

McGrady & Company Solicitors are committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. This privacy notice describes how we collect the use personal information about you in accordance with the data protection law. Please read it carefully.

Data protection law says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

- Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
- Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes.
- Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.
- Accurate and kept up to date.
- Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
- Kept securely.

If you have any questions about this notice or how we collect and use personal information about you please contact us at info@mcgrady.ie

1. Who we are:

We at McGrady & Company Solicitors are located at 28 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan County Dublin, Republic of Ireland. You can contact us at this address by post or by email at info@mcgrady.ie

Our data protection representative is Maureen McGrady who can be contacted at the above address or by telephone on 00353 1 8412966

2. CONTRACT INFORMATION AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 When you enter into a contract with us (or someone does so on your behalf) there will be personal information about you relating to that contract such as your name, contact details, contract details, delivery details, and correspondence with us about the contract.

2.2 We need certain information to carry out our contract with you and you must provide this in order to enter into a contract with us (or as required under that contract), if you do not, we may not be able to carry out our contract with you. Mandatory information fields are generally set out when you are entering into the contract, but in particular, you must provide the following information:

- 2.2.1 Your name and contact details.
- 2.2.2 Your delivery address.
- 2.2.3 Your payment details.
- 2.2.4 Information to verify your identity and other information for us to carry out anti money laundering checks.
- 2.2.5 Name and contact details of individual consumers of our products or services covered by the contract.
- 2.2.6 Your PPS Number

2.3 Other correspondence or interaction (for example by email, telephone, post, SMS or via our website) between you and us, will include personal information (such as names and contact details) in that correspondence. This may include enquiries, reviews, follow-up comments or complaints lodged by or against you and disputes with you or your organisation.

2.4 Call information. We may also collect details of phone numbers used to call our organisation and the date, time and duration of any calls. Please note that we may record your calls to or from us for quality and training purposes.

2.5 We will keep and use that information to carry out our contract with you (if applicable), to comply with any legal requirements for us to maintain certain records or carry out certain verifications, and/or for our legitimate interests in dealing with a complaint or enquiry and administering your (or your organisation's) account or order and any services we offer, as well as to review and improve our offerings, including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes.

2.6 If you work for one of our customers, suppliers or business partners, the information we collect about you may include your contact information, details of your employment and our relationship with you. This information may be collected directly from you, or provided by your organisation. Your organisation should have informed you that your information would be provided to us, and directed you to this policy. We use this as necessary for our legitimate interests in managing our relationship with your organisation. If we have a business relationship with you or your organisation, we may receive information about you from your organisation.

2.7 Where your information relates to a contract, it is kept for a period of up to 7 years. For conveyancing matters your information is held for up to 12 years matter to enable us to deal with any enquiries or claims and as required for tax purposes and may be stored in our archive for reference purposes for as long as our business need which we will review after an appropriate time years.

3) MARKETING

3.1 We may collect your name and contact details (such as your email address, phone number or address) in order to send you information about our products and services which you might be interested in. We may collect this directly from you, or through a third party. If a third party collected your name and contact details, we will process your professional data based on legitimate interests.

3.2 You always have the right to “opt out” of receiving our marketing. You can exercise the right at any time by contacting us at info@mcgrady.ie. If we send you any marketing emails, you should feel free to contact us and unsubscribe from any further marketing emails.

3.3 If you are an existing customer or are acting as a business we use your contact details as necessary for our legitimate interests in marketing to you and maintaining a list of potential customers.

3.4 We never share your name or contact details with third parties for marketing purposes. We do use third party service providers to send out our marketing, but we only allow them to use that information on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat the information confidentially and to keep it secure.

4) WEBSITE INFORMATION

4.1 We may collect information about you and your use of our website via technical means such as cookies, webpage counters and other analytics tools. We use this as necessary for our legitimate interests in administering our website and to ensure it operates effectively and securely.

4.2 Our website may, from time to time, contain links to third party websites, plug-ins and applications. Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share data about you. We do not control these third party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our website, we encourage you to read the privacy notice of every website you visit.

4.3 Our website contains contact forms where you provide your personal data in order to subscribe to content.

4.4 Where you have provided a testimonial, we may publish online with your agreement and will include your name and job title.

5) INFORMATION COLLECTED AT OUR PREMISES

5.1 Visitor information. We collect information about visitors to our premises. We may record information on your visit, including the date and time, who you are visiting, your name, employer, contact details and vehicle registration number. If you have an accident at our premises, this may include an account of your accident.

5.2 We use this information as necessary for our legitimate interests in administering your visit, ensuring site security and visitor safety.

5.3 Visitor information is kept for record purposes.

6) JOB APPLICANTS & EMPLOYEES

6.1 We will collect and hold information on job applicants, including information you provide to us in your application, or provided to us by recruitment agencies, as well as information on you from any referees you provide.

6.2 We use this as necessary to enter into an employment contract with you, and for our legitimate interests in evaluating candidates and recording our recruitment activities, and as necessary to exercise and perform our employment law obligations and rights.

6.3 If you are successful in your application, your information will be used and kept in accordance with our internal privacy notice. If you currently work for us, or used to work for us, you can request a copy of this from us.

6.4 You must provide certain information (such as your name, contact details, professional and educational history) for us to consider your application fully. If you have not provided all of this information, we may contact you to ask for it. If you do not wish to provide this information, we may not be able to properly consider your application.

6.5 If you are listed as a referee by an applicant, we will hold your name, contact details, professional information about you (such as your employer and job title) and details of your relationship with the applicant. We will use this information as necessary for our legitimate interests in evaluating candidates and as necessary to exercise and perform our employment law obligations and rights. Your information will be kept alongside the applicant's information.

6.6 If you are listed as an emergency contact by someone who works for us, we will hold your name, contact details and details of your relationship with that worker. We will use this to contact you as necessary to carry out our obligations under employment law, to protect the vital interests of that worker, and for our legitimate interests in administering our relationship with that worker. Your information will be kept until it is updated by that worker, or we no longer need to contact that worker after they have stopped working for us.

6.7 We will collect and hold information about our employees in order to administer the employment relationship and to keep proper records of payments for tax purposes. The legal bases on which we process personal data of our employees in the manner described above are:

- 6.7.1 where any such processing is necessary for the performance of your employment contract with us;
- 6.7.2 our legitimate interests in conducting our business in a responsible and commercially prudent manner. We will not process your personal data for

these purposes if to do so would constitute an unwarranted interference with your own interests, rights and freedoms;

- 6.7.3 to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations; and
- 6.7.4 in limited circumstances, your consent (where we have sought it and you have provided it to us), and in which case, you can withdraw your consent at any time;

6.8 The legal bases on which we collect, process and transfer special categories of data relating to our employees (e.g. health data) in the manner described above are:

- 6.8.1 where such processing is necessary to comply with our obligations or exercise our rights under employment and social security and social protection law;
- 6.8.2 to enable you to exercise your rights under employment and social security and social protection law;
- 6.8.3 where such processing is necessary to assess your working capacity; and
- 6.8.4 in limited circumstances, your explicit consent (where we have sought it and you have provided it to us), and in which case, you can withdraw your consent at any time.

6.9 We share this data with our book-keeper and accountant. We will also set you up with an email address through our email service provider and provide you with a log-in to our practice management solution. Our service providers may only process the data of our employees for the purpose of providing us with their services, and no other purpose.

6.10 We may also share certain parts of this data with our clients, counterparty solicitors and other persons that you will liaise with in the course of your employment.

6.11 We are also required to share certain parts of this data with competent regulatory authorities and bodies as requested or required by law.

7) LEGAL CLAIMS

7.1 Where we consider there to be a risk that we may need to defend or bring legal claims, we may retain your personal information as necessary for our legitimate interests in ensuring that we can properly bring or defend legal claims. We may also need to share this information with our insurers or legal advisers. How long we keep this information for will depend on the nature of the claim and how long we consider there to be a risk that we will need to defend or bring a claim.

8) INFORMATION WE RECEIVE FROM THIRD PARTIES

8.1 We may also receive information about you from the following sources:

- 8.1.1 Our service providers. We work closely with third parties (including, for example, auctioneers, revenue, property registration authority, business partners,

advertising networks, analytics providers and search information providers) who may provide us with information about you, to be used as set out above.

- 8.1.2 Businesses we have bought. If we have acquired another business, or substantially all of its assets, which originally held your information, we will hold and use the information you provided to them, or which they otherwise held about you, in accordance with this privacy notice.
- 8.1.3 Publicly available sources. We obtain information from the following publicly available sources: your employer website, your regulatory body, Companies Registration Office or LinkedIn, or otherwise.
- 8.1.4 Credit information. We may also collect credit information on you from third party reference agencies.

9) WHY ELSE DO WE USE YOUR INFORMATION?

9.1 Common uses of your information. We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to do so. Although in limited circumstances we may use your information because you have specifically consented to it, we generally use your information in the ways set out in this notice because:

- 9.1.1 we need to perform a contract we have entered into with you.
- 9.1.2 in order to provide you with legal advice
- 9.1.3 to assist you with legal claims or legal proceedings
- 9.1.4 to assist you with your legal rights
- 9.1.5 we need to comply with a legal obligation.
- 9.1.6 it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and rights do not override those interests
- 9.1.7 we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests) or where it is needed in the public interest (although these circumstances are likely to be rare).

9.2 For our clients the legal basis for the processing of this data is processing necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party. Where we process special categories of data relating to you, e.g. health data that we may process in connection with a legal claim where we are acting on your behalf, our legal basis for processing will be that the processing is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

9.3 There may also be limited circumstances where our legal basis for processing is your consent (where we have sought it and you have provided it to us), in which case you can withdraw your consent at any time.

9.4 We share this data with our practice management system provider. We may also send you emails through our email service provider. They may only process this data for the purpose of providing us with their services, and no other purpose.

9.5 We may also share certain parts of this data with your barrister, doctor or expert witness and with the counterpart solicitor.

9.6 If you do not provide us with your information for the purposes described above, we cannot provide you with legal advice, represent you in legal proceedings

9.7 Change of purpose. We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it as set out in this notice, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

10) SHARING YOUR INFORMATION

As well as any sharing listed above, we may also share your information with third parties, including third-party service providers and other entities in our group. Third parties are required to respect the security of your personal information and to treat it in accordance with the law. We never sell your data to third parties.

10.1 Why might we share your personal information with third parties?

We may share your personal information with third parties if we are under a duty to disclose or share your personal information in order to comply with any legal obligation, or in order to enforce or apply our agreements with you, or to protect the rights, property, or safety of us, our customers, or others or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so. This may include exchanging information with other companies and organisations for the purposes of fraud protection and credit risk reduction.

10.2 Which third-party service providers process your personal information?

We also may need to share your personal information for third-party service providers (including contractors and designated agents) so that they can carry out their services.

10.3 How secure is your information with third-party service providers and other entities?

All third-party service providers and other entities are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information. Where third parties process your personal information on our behalf as “data processors” they must do so only on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat the information confidentially and to keep it secure.

10.5 What about other third parties?

We may share your personal information with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible sale or restructuring of the business where necessary in connection with the purposes which your information was collected for. We may also need to share your personal information with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law.

11) WHERE WE STORE YOUR INFORMATION

11.1 Our office is based in Balbriggan County Dublin and our main data centre is at the same location.

11.2 We will take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that your personal information is treated securely and in accordance with this privacy notice.

Some countries or organisations outside of the UK and the EU which we may transfer your information to will have an “adequacy decision” in place, meaning the EU considers them to have an adequate data protection regime in place. These are set out on the European Commission website: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-transfers-outside-eu/adequacy-protection-personal-data-non-eu-countries_en.

12) DATA SECURITY

12.1 As well as the measures set out above in relation to sharing of your information, we have put in place appropriate internal security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal information on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

12.2 We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where necessary.

13) HOW LONG WILL WE KEEP YOUR INFORMATION FOR?

13.1 We have set out above indications of how long we generally keep your information. In some circumstances, it may be necessary to keep your information for longer than that in order to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.

13.2 To determine the appropriate retention period for personal information, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal information, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal information, the purposes for which we process your personal information and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

13.3 In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you.

14) YOUR RIGHTS

14.1 Data protection law gives you a number of rights when it comes to personal information we hold about you. The key rights are set out below. More information about your rights can be obtained from the Data Protection Commissioner. Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- 14.1.1 Be informed in a clear, transparent and easily understandable way about how we use your personal information and about your rights. This is why we are providing you with the information in this notice. If you require any further information about how we use your personal information, please let us know.
- 14.1.2 Request access to your personal information (commonly known as a “data subject access request”). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- 14.1.3 Request correction of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- 14.1.4 Request erasure of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it (for instance, we may need to continue using your personal data to comply with our legal obligations). You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- 14.1.5 Object to processing of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to us using your information on this basis and we do not have a compelling legitimate basis for doing so which overrides your rights, interests and freedoms (for instance, we may need it to defend a legal claim). You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- 14.1.6 Request the restriction of processing of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- 14.1.7 Request the transfer of your personal information to another party where you provided it to us and we are using it based on your consent, or to carry out a contract with you, and we process it using automated means.
- 14.1.8 Withdraw consent. In the limited circumstances where we are relying on your consent (as opposed to the other bases set out above) to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate interest in doing so.

- 14.1.9 Lodge a complaint. If you think that we are using your information in a way which breaches data protection law, you have the right to lodge a complaint with your national data protection supervisory authority.

If you want to review, verify, correct or request erasure of your personal information, object to the processing of your personal information, withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal information or request that we transfer a copy of your personal information to another party, please contact us at info@mcgrady.ie

14.2 No fee usually required. You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

14.3 What we may need from you. We may need to request specific information from you to help us understand the nature of your request, to confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

14.4 Timescale. Please consider your request responsibly before submitting it. We will respond to your request as soon as we can. Generally, this will be within one month from when we receive your request but, if the request is going to take longer to deal with, we will let you know.

15) Automated decision-making and profiling

We do not use any personal data for the purpose of automated decision-making or profiling.

16) CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY NOTICE

Any changes we make to our privacy notice in the future will be posted on our webpage and, where appropriate, notified to you by e-mail or otherwise. Please check our webpage frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy notice.