



Dublin Alert Privacy Policy

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1. About this Privacy Policy

Dublin Alert respects your privacy and is committed to handling personal information responsibly. This Privacy Policy explains what personal data we may collect, why we collect it, how we use it, who we may share it with, how long we may keep it, and the rights available to you under applicable data protection law, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Irish Data Protection Act 2018.

2. Who We Are

Dublin Alert is an independent digital news and media publication providing news, information and updates relating to Dublin. For data protection purposes, Dublin Alert is responsible for the personal data processed through this website and its related services, subject to the particular circumstances of each processing activity.

3. Information We May Collect

Depending on how you use Dublin Alert, we may collect information such as your name, email address, contact details and the contents of messages or submissions you send to us. We may also receive photographs, videos or other information that you voluntarily provide for possible publication.

When you use the website, certain technical information may also be processed, such as IP address, device or browser information, website usage information and security or diagnostic information. The exact information collected depends on the features and services enabled on the website.

4. How We Use Personal Data

We may use personal data to respond to enquiries and messages, manage submissions, provide requested services, send newsletters or updates where you have subscribed, maintain and secure the website, understand how the website is used, improve our services, prevent misuse or fraud, and meet legal or regulatory obligations.

Where information is submitted for possible publication, we may also use it for journalistic and editorial purposes where permitted by applicable law.

5. Lawful Bases for Processing

Where GDPR applies, we process personal data using an appropriate lawful basis. Depending on the circumstances, this may include your consent, taking steps at your request, compliance with a legal obligation, or our legitimate interests, provided those interests do not override your rights and freedoms. Where processing is based on consent, you may withdraw that consent at any time.

6. Newsletters and Communications

If you subscribe to Dublin Alert communications, we may use the email address you provide to send the updates you requested. You can unsubscribe at any time using the unsubscribe option provided in the communication or by contacting us. We will not use your subscription details for unrelated purposes without an appropriate lawful basis.

7. User Submissions

If you contact Dublin Alert or submit photographs, videos, information or other material, we may process the personal data contained in that submission for the purposes of reviewing, verifying, responding to and, where appropriate, publishing the material. You should avoid sending unnecessary sensitive personal information about yourself or another person.

8. Information From Third Parties and Public Sources

As a news organisation, Dublin Alert may obtain information from public authorities, emergency services, public statements, social media, eyewitnesses, members of the public and other publicly available sources. Where personal data is obtained from a source other than the individual concerned, the applicable data protection requirements will be considered in the circumstances of the processing.

9. Sharing Personal Data

We may share personal data with service providers who help us operate the website, communications, hosting, security, forms, newsletter services, analytics or other technical functions, where appropriate. We may also disclose information where required by law, legal process or a competent authority, or where necessary to protect the rights, safety or security of Dublin Alert, our users or others.

We do not sell personal data as a business practice.

10. Cookies and Similar Technologies

Dublin Alert may use cookies and similar technologies. Some may be strictly necessary for the website to function. Other cookies or tracking technologies, such as analytics or advertising technologies, may require consent under applicable Irish ePrivacy rules. Where consent is required, we will seek it before using the relevant technology and provide an appropriate way to change or withdraw your preferences.

11. Third-Party Websites and Social Media

Our website may contain links to third-party websites, platforms and social media services. Those services have their own privacy policies and terms, and Dublin Alert is not responsible for how independent third parties process personal data after you leave our website or interact with their services.

12. Data Retention

We keep personal data only for as long as reasonably necessary for the purpose for which it was collected, to meet legal or regulatory requirements, to resolve disputes, or to protect our legitimate interests. Retention periods may differ depending on the type of information and why it is being held.

13. Data Security

We take reasonable technical and organisational measures designed to protect personal data against unauthorised access, loss, misuse, alteration or disclosure. However, no internet transmission or electronic storage system can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

14. International Transfers

Some service providers used to operate websites and online services may process information outside the European Economic Area. Where personal data is transferred internationally, we will take appropriate steps required by applicable data protection law to provide an appropriate level of protection.

15. Your Data Protection Rights

Subject to applicable law and any relevant exemptions, you may have rights including access to your personal data, correction of inaccurate information, erasure, restriction of processing, data portability, and the right to object to certain processing. Where processing is based on consent, you may withdraw consent. These rights are not absolute and may be subject to legal conditions or exemptions.

16. How to Exercise Your Rights

To ask about your personal data or exercise an applicable data protection right, contact Dublin Alert through the contact details provided on our website. We may need to verify your identity before completing certain requests. We aim to respond in accordance with the time limits required by applicable law.

17. Complaints

If you have concerns about how Dublin Alert handles your personal data, please contact us first so that we can try to resolve the issue. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Irish Data Protection Commission, the supervisory authority for data protection in Ireland.

18. Changes to This Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy may be updated from time to time to reflect changes to our services, technology or legal requirements. The latest version will be published on this page, together with the date it was last updated. We recommend checking this page periodically.

19. Contact

For privacy questions, data protection requests or concerns about how your information is handled, please contact Dublin Alert using the contact details provided on the website.

Important: This Privacy Policy should be kept up to date with the actual services, forms, newsletter provider, analytics tools, cookies and other technologies used by Dublin Alert.

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