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Redacting Sensitive Data

Texas law and court rules require careful protection of sensitive data. This article explains what information is protected, what information is public record, and the steps you can take to protect or seal your private information.

What is sensitive data? What data is protected?

Under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure sensitive data consists of:

- A driver's license number, passport number, social security number, tax identification number, or similar government-issued personal identification number;
- A bank account number, credit card number, or another financial account number; and
- A birth date, a home address, and the name of any person who <u>was a minor</u> when the underlying suit was filed.

The Texas Business and Commerce Code includes identity protection for information that relates to:

- The physical health, mental health, or condition of the individual;
- · Healthcare the individual may be receiving; and
- Payment for the healthcare the individual may be receiving.

Please refer to: https://texaslawhelp.org/article/sensitive-data for more in depth information

For more information regarding Public Information and Sensitive Data, you may also visit: https://texaslawhelp.org/article/the-texas-public-information-act