



Ministry of Defence Service Police – Body Worn Video Privacy Notice

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This Privacy Notice relates to the processing of personal data during the use of body-worn video by Ministry of Defence (MOD) Service Police officers. It applies to MOD Service Police officers using body-worn video, MOD personnel (including contractors), and members of the public. It is important that you read this notice, together with any other privacy notice that may be provided by MOD on specific occasions.

The MOD is committed to protecting your personal data. This Privacy Notice provides important information about the types of personal data we collect; what we do with that information; who we may share it with and why; and what are your data protection rights.

We may need to make changes to our Privacy Notice, so please check our website for updates from time to time. If there are important changes (such as changes to why your data will be processed), we may contact you directly.

Who are we?

The MOD Service Police comprises of the Royal Navy Police, the Royal Military Police, the Royal Air Force Police and the Defence Serious Crime Command. Under Schedule 7 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA18), the Provost Marshals of the MOD Service Police are designated as Competent Authorities (CAs). As such, each CA must ensure that any data processing within their police force complies with policing standards and legal obligations to protect personal data. Additionally, the MOD is classified as a CA



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in its own right¹ and serves as the Data Controller for all personal data processed by its CAs, including the MOD Service Police.

The MOD Data Protection Officer's Team can be contacted at:

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London, SW1A 2HB

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Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data refers to any information that can directly or indirectly identify a living individual. This can include identifiers such as a name, identification number, location data, or online identifier, as well as indirect identifiers related to an individual's physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity.

The personal data we may collect about you

The personal data we may collect from you includes photographic, video, digital imagery, and audio commentary. In all cases, the MOD Service Police will collect only the minimum amount of personal information necessary to carry out its activities.

There may be sensitive situations where it is not appropriate to use body-worn video. Officers will take reasonable steps to make you aware when recording is active.

MOD Service Police body-worn video:

- provides public and service community reassurance,
- captures best evidence,
- seeks to modify behaviour,
- seeks to prevent harm and deter people from committing crime and/or engaging in anti-social behaviour.

The MOD Service Police uses body worn video in their uniformed patrols to maximise these benefits. The recordings provide video and audio evidence of interactions between uniformed MOD Service Police officers/staff and members of the service community and public, to ensure they are treated with dignity, respect, and in a professional manner. All recordings will be incident specific; cameras will not be used indiscriminately to record all patrols or duties.

Whose personal data do we handle?

¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/schedule/7/enacted>



The information captured by MOD Service Police in body-worn video may relate to MOD personnel (including contractors) and members of the public. MOD Service Police officers are advised to restrict recording to areas and persons necessary to obtain evidence and intelligence relevant to the incident and should attempt to minimise collateral intrusion to those not involved.

What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

The MOD Service Police process personal data to prevent, investigate, detect or prosecute criminal offences (including preventing threats to service community security). We also retain footage for training and auditing purposes.

MOD Service Police officers also endeavour to comply with data protection principles at all times to ensure that your personal data is:

- Used lawfully and fairly;
- 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 is necessary for the purposes we have told you about;
- Kept and destroyed securely, including ensuring that appropriate technical and security measures are in place to protect your personal data and to protect personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure.

Sharing your personal data

We may share your personal data internally or externally for a law enforcement purpose or for another purpose that is authorised by law. The footage will be shared under the legal basis of performing a task carried out in the public interest or the processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation.

The MOD Service Police will take steps to ensure any disclosures of personal data are necessary, secure and proportionate, as required by law.

How do we keep your personal data secure?

We are committed to ensuring your personal data is safe and processed securely. We have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial measures to prevent your data from being lost or inappropriately used, accessed, altered or disclosed. In addition, MOD Service Police officers and staff members are appropriately trained to handle your personal data securely.

How long do we keep your personal data?



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The MOD Service Police holds your data as long as is necessary for the particular purposes for which it is processed. Personal data on the Police National Computer is retained, reviewed and deleted in accordance with the [Retention Guidelines for Nominal Records on the Police National Computer](#).

Other records containing your personal data which are processed for law enforcement purposes are retained in accordance with the College of Policing guidance on the [Management of Police Information \(MoPI\)](#) and the National Police Chief's Council Retention Schedule.

Your data protection rights

What data protection rights you have will depend on MOD's reasons for processing your personal data. You can find information about your rights when your data is processed for law enforcement purposes in the [MOD Service Police privacy notice](#). For data protection rights related to general data processing, please refer to the [MOD privacy notice](#).

Access to footage

Footage is recorded and held on MOD systems and MOD is responsible for its processing and sharing.

Body worn video is classed as 'police information'. You can request access to *your* personal data captured within these videos.

However, we may restrict this right (fully or in part) where it is necessary and proportionate to:

- avoid obstructing an official or legal inquiry, investigation or procedure;
- avoid prejudice to the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties;
- protect public security;
- protect national security; or
- protect the rights and freedoms of others.

Further processing

If we wish to use your data for a new purpose (not covered by this Privacy Notice), we may provide you with a new notice beforehand. This notice will explain this new use and set out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. We may seek your consent to the new processing beforehand if appropriate.

Contact details

Find out how you can contact us (or make a complaint) in our [MOD Service Police privacy notice](#) and [MOD privacy notice](#).