

The General Data Protection Regulation 2018 controls how your personal and sensitive information is used by organisations, businesses and the government. It applies to all countries covered by EU law.

Everyone responsible for processing data (ie anything done to or with the data including collecting, storing or deleting it) has to follow strict guidelines called 'data protection principles. They must make sure the information is

- Used fairly, lawfully and in a transparent way
- Used for specific, explicit and legitimate purposes
- Used in a way that is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary
- Accurate
- Kept for no longer than is absolutely necessary
- Handled according to people's data protection rights
- Handled in a safe and secure way
- Not transferred outside the European Economic Area without adequate protection