

# **Privacy Policy**

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# **App Permissions**

## Microphone

Our app uses the microphone to record audio files.

## Internal Device Storage

Access to your device's internal storage is required to save and replay audio files. Additionally, the app automatically manages these recorded files by deleting the oldest files based on your specified auto-delete settings.

#### **Optional Cloud Storage**

Users who opt in to cloud storage agree to upload and store encrypted copies of their recordings on secure third-party servers. This storage is accessible via a secure web portal that requires login credentials (email and password). Users can request deletion of this content at any time. Cloud storage is optional for paying subscriptions, and turned off by default. Please note that we take commercially reasonable measures to secure user content, though absolute security cannot be guaranteed.

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#### Optional Afterlife Program

As part of the optional Cloud Storage service, users may enroll in the Afterlife Program. Enrollment requires the submission of contact information for one or more designated "Emergency Contacts."

In the event the Afterlife Program is activated, each designated Emergency Contact will be notified and provided with the user's login credentials, granting them unrestricted access to the user's cloud-stored audio recordings.

IMPORTANT: After the Afterlife Program has been activated, users are strongly advised to immediately change their password to prevent continued access by the Emergency Contacts and/or anyone else notified by the Emergency Contacts. By enrolling, you acknowledge and accept that your login credentials will be disclosed to your selected Emergency Contacts upon activation.

#### **Billing Services**

Defense Recorder is free to use but does offer paid subscription premium services. For premium subscriptions, we need access to your smartphone's built-in subscription services strictly for billing purposes, ensuring a seamless and secure payment process.

# **Data Collection And Sharing**

The base version of our app does not collect any personally identifiable information. However, paying users who opt in to optional features such as Cloud Storage or the Afterlife Program may be asked to submit their email address and password credentials, in addition to the contact information of all trusted contacts provided.

Additionally, any audio recordings uploaded to our cloud servers as part of these features will be securely stored in a cloud server.

Users retain full control over their stored content and may request permanent deletion of their cloud data at any time by contacting support.

We do not sell, rent, or share user data with third parties for marketing purposes.

#### **Emails And Notifications**

Should you self elect to enroll in our mailing list, you have full control over email alerts by selecting the "opt-out" option at the bottom of any email we send. We do not use your email address for promotional or financial gain. Only to provide important information concerning the usability of our app.

#### Al Training Consent

If you opt in to the Defense Recorder cloud storage, we will retain certain user information to support these services and develop future features. This includes your username, encrypted password, email address, designated contact details, and stored audio recordings. By enabling cloud storage, you consent to the secure retention of your recordings for storage and

development purposes and, where separately and explicitly agreed, for use in training future AI models to enhance app performance. Any such use will comply with applicable privacy laws and will not involve public disclosure of your identity or private content.

## Who Owns Defense Recorder

Defense Recorder is privately funded and 100% privately owned. We are committed to remaining independent and will never accept funding that compromises our commitment to user privacy and ethical practices. Our goal is to be financially self-sufficient, similar to any other for-profit company, but without resorting to exploitative data practices. We believe in providing peace of mind and practical tools for personal legal defense and protection, not in monetizing user data. We are, and always will be, a private company dedicated to these values.

#### How Does Defense Recorder Pay The Bills

Defense Recorder operates on a freemium model, with the majority of our revenue generated through paid monthly subscriptions. We do not collect data from free users, but we supplement our income with minimal, non-intrusive ads displayed through Google AdMob within the app. These ads do not track individual users or target them based on personal information.

## **Defense Recorder Socials**

Defense Recorder maintains official social media accounts for updates, announcements, and community engagement. Our only verified and authorized accounts are:

Website: defenserecorder.comInstagram: defense\_recorder

Facebook: defenseecorder

X: defenserecorder

Youtube: defenserecorder
Linkedin: defenserecorder
TikTok: defense.recorder
Discord: defense recorder

### Social Media Information Use

When you interact with our app on social media platforms like Instagram, we may access publicly available information about our audience. This includes data you've chosen to share publicly on your profile and our general audience statistics such as follower count, our audience interaction tendencies, and broad information such as our audience geography, age & gender composition. We respect your privacy settings on each platform and never purchase user data.

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#### How We Use This Information

#### Adapting Our Social Media Presence

By understanding our audience better, we can tailor our content and engagement strategies to resonate with you and provide the most relevant information.

#### Refining Our Public Image

General follower statistics help us understand our reach and impact, allowing us to craft a stronger public image that aligns with our mission and values.

## Important Reminders

- Once a file is deleted, it is permanently removed from your system and can not be recovered.
- Our app does not record phone calls.
- It is essential to be aware of local recording laws and other relevant regulations, such resources are available here: https://www.defenserecorder.com/state-recording-laws.
- The effectiveness of the audio files recorded, are directly correlated to how vocal you are when something happens that you save the audio of.
- The app records events as they happen. Be mindful that you should consult an attorney to assist in the choice to utilize this recorded content in a court of law.

# Legal Disclaimer

We do not offer legal advice. Defense Recorder provides tools for personal security. For legal guidance, we recommend consulting your own attorneys.

#### Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about our privacy policy, please feel free to contact us at Sargent@defenserecorder.com. We are dedicated to ensuring your confidence in our commitment to privacy and security.

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