

# Online Code of Conduct

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The WMDA is pleased to offer its services to inform and to interact with WMDA members. Our goal is to create a secure, easy-to-use environment to collaborate on various WMDA initiatives and to share views and concerns. We encourage your participation but ask you to follow these guidelines.

## Be respectful

WMDA is a worldwide association. Be respectful of other cultures, values, and languages. It's fine to disagree with others but personal attacks or disparaging comments will not be tolerated.

## Protect the privacy of personal information

WMDA must comply with various international, domestic and local laws and regulations related to information security and privacy. Do not collect, store or process sensitive personally identifiable information related to donors, patients, or other individuals who may or may not be members of WMDA or its member registries. Sensitive, personally identifiable information is described as any information which, if lost, compromised, or disclosed without authorisation, could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to an individual. This includes an individual's government-issued ID number, demographic information (including name, address, phone number, email address, date of birth), financial account information (including credit or debit card numbers), and medical and health-related information.

## Ensure information security

WMDA provides access to information that may not be disclosed to the general public such as member-only communications or working group-only documentation. Protect your user account information (username and password) and do not share it with anyone. Similarly, do not copy or transfer any WMDA-owned information outside of WMDA Share without approval by the WMDA office. You can request by sending an e-mail to [mail@wmda.info](mailto:mail@wmda.info).

## Abide by acceptable use guidelines

Never use WMDA services in connection with any activity that is illegal. Do not submit any content that is obscene, defamatory, libellous, threatening, harassing, pornographic, racially or ethnically offensive, or that encourages conduct that would be considered a criminal offence or give rise to any civil liability. Do not submit any material (including any virus, bot, worm, scripting exploit or other harmful code) that is likely to harm or corrupt one of the WMDA services.