

Amazon Law Enforcement Guidelines

These guidelines are intended for use by law enforcement when seeking information from Amazon.com and Amazon Web Services (“Amazon”).

Required Legal Process

Amazon will not release customer information without a valid and binding legal demand properly served on us. Amazon objects to overbroad or otherwise inappropriate demands as a matter of course.

Amazon distinguishes between content and non-content information. We produce non-content information only in response to valid and binding subpoenas. We do not produce content information in response to subpoenas. We may produce non-content and content information in response to valid and binding search warrants.

“Non-content” information means subscriber information such as name, address, email address, billing information, date of account creation, and certain purchase history and service usage information.

“Content” information means the content of data files stored in a customer’s account.

Method of Service

Amazon does not accept service of subpoenas, search warrants, or other legal process except through Amazon’s national registered agent, Corporation Service Company (“CSC”). Legal process may be served by mailing process to CSC at the following address (the CSC office in your jurisdiction may be located through the Secretary of State’s website):

Amazon.com, Inc.
Corporation Service Company
300 Deschutes Way SW, Suite 304
Tumwater, WA 98501
Attn: Legal Department – Subpoena

Requests from Non-U.S. Law Enforcement

A non-U.S. law-enforcement agency seeking to obtain data from Amazon must work through the available legal and diplomatic channels in its jurisdiction, including through bi-lateral or multi-lateral legal assistance treaties (“MLATs”) or letters rogatory processes. Such international requests may be made to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of International Affairs.

Other Information

Preservation. Upon receipt of a lawful and binding request Amazon will preserve requested information for up to 90 days.

Notification. Unless it is prohibited from doing so or has clear indication of illegal conduct in connection with the use of Amazon products or services, Amazon notifies customers before disclosing content information.

Emergencies. Amazon reserves the right to respond immediately to urgent law enforcement requests for information in cases involving a threat to public safety or risk of harm to any person.

Amazon Devices. Amazon will assist law enforcement to return lost or stolen Amazon devices to their rightful owners. Law enforcement agencies should provide Amazon with the serial number of the device, in which case Amazon will attempt to contact the rightful owner directly and provide law enforcement contact information.

Fraudulent and Other Unauthorized Conduct. Amazon reserves the right to assist law enforcement agencies in their investigation of fraudulent and other unauthorized conduct, such as fraudulent use of a payment instrument or a stolen credit card, including by providing certain non-content information without a subpoena.

Reimbursement. Amazon may seek reimbursement for costs associated with responding to law enforcement requests for information, particularly if the costs incurred are the result of responding to burdensome or unique requests.