

OUR PRIVACY POLICY

At Gale Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd we are committed to protecting your privacy in accordance with the privacy Act 1998 (Cth). This Privacy Policy describes our current policies and practices in relation to the handling and use of personal information.

What information do we collect and how do we use it?

When we arrange insurance on your behalf, we ask you for the information we need to advise you about your insurance needs and management of your risks. We provide any information that the insurers or intermediaries who we ask to quote for your insurances and premium funding require to enable them to decide whether to insure you and on what terms. Insurers may in turn pass on this information to their reinsurers. Some of these companies are located outside Australia. When you make a claim under your policy, we assist you by collecting information about your claim. Sometimes we also need to collect information about you from others. We provide this information to your insurer (or anyone your insurer has appointed to assist it to consider your claim, e.g.. loss adjusters, medical advisers etc.) to enable it to consider your claim. Again this information may be passed on to reinsurers.

What if you don't provide some information to us?

We can only fully advise you if we have all relevant information. The insurance laws also require you to provide your insurers with all the information they need in order to be able to decide whether to insure you and on what terms.

How do we hold and protect your information?

We strive to maintain the reliability, accuracy, completeness and currency of the personal information we hold and to protect its privacy and security. We keep personal information only for as long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose for which it was collected or to comply with any applicable legal or ethical reporting or document retention requirements.

We hold the information we collect from you within our office premises that are located in a secured professional office building and, if in electronic data form, on our secure server. We ensure that your information is safe by ensuring the physical location of both our IT equipment and hard copy records are protected by appropriate commercial locking devices. Our server has appropriate protection protocols as recommended and supervised by our IT consultant. If you forward us information via email, we will only use that information in our endeavours to satisfy your specific request. Refer to previous statement concerning how we use your information.

We also use your information to send you requested product information and promotional material and to enable us to manage your ongoing requirements. Eg. Renewals, and our relationship with you, eg invoicing, client surveys etc. We may occasionally notify you about new services and special offers, events or articles we think will be of interest to you. We may send you regular updates by email or by post on insurance matters. If you would rather not receive this information, email or write to us. We may use your information internally to help us improve our services and help resolve any problems.

Will we disclose the information we collect to anyone?

We do not sell, trade, or rent your personal information to others.

We may need to provide your information to contractors who supply services to us, e.g. to handle mailings on our behalf or to other companies in the event of a corporate sale, merger, reorganisation, dissolution or similar event. However we will do our best to ensure that they protect your information in the same way that we do.

We may provide your information to others if we are required to do so by law or under some unusual other circumstances which the Privacy Act permits.

How can you check, update or change the information we are holding?

Upon receipt of your written request and enough information to allow us to identify the information, we will disclose to you the personal information we hold about you. We will also correct, amend or delete any personal information that we agree is inaccurate.

If you wish to access or correct your personal information please write to The Compliance Manager C/- Gale Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd. PO Box 74, North Carlton VIC 3054. We do not charge for receiving a request for access to personal information or for complying with a correction request. We do not charge for providing access to personal information.

Your Consent

By asking us to assist with your insurance needs you consent to the collection and use of information you have provided to us for the purposes described above.

Tell us what you think

We welcome your question and comments about privacy. If you have any concerns of complaints, please contact The Compliance Manager Ph: 03 9387 8177 or e-mail to chris@galeins.com.au