

# Freedom of INFORMATION ACT



FOIA- TO ENSURE  
INFORMED  
CITIZENS, VITAL  
TO THE  
FUNCTIONING OF  
A DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIETY.

# What is FOIA?

Provided the public the right to request access to records from any federal agency.

Federal agencies are required to disclose any information requested under the FOIA unless it falls under one of nine exemptions, you can [read here.](#)

The FOIA requires agencies to proactively post online certain categories of information, including frequently requested records.

# How to Make a Request

The request must be in writing and reasonably describe the records you seek.

Most federal agencies now accept FOIA requests electronically, including by web form, e-mail or fax. And there is no specific form to be used as a request.

The FOIA does not require agencies to create new records or to conduct research, analyze data, or answer questions when responding to requests.

Please watch a video on how to make a request

**AND**

See the list of federal agencies

# Resources through FOIA Website

FAQ

Additional  
Government  
Resources



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