

Site Security Policy

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to protecting the confidentiality and integrity of personal information you submit. Personal information submitted or collected through a Government web site will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected, except with the consent of the individual or as required by law. Personal information shall be retained only as long as necessary for the fulfillment of those purposes collected. Only the information necessary for the purposes that have been identified will be collected. Before your personal information is submitted to the Government, your consent must be given for the collection of it.

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The Government of Saskatchewan uses encryption techniques to secure your financial information (including credit card information) as it is passed over the Internet. Encryption is the mathematical process of coding information into a more secure format for transmission over the Internet. After the information is encrypted, it is then passed through phone lines or cable, then decrypted or decoded once it reaches the intended recipient. Encryption helps decrease the risk of information being intercepted and read by another person.

To provide a strong level of security, any Government site where financial transactions are conducted have been configured to secure online communication of credit card information through Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology, using 128-bit encryption. Credit Card information will not be stored without the prior knowledge and consent of the terms and conditions of you, the Consumer. In the event that Credit Card information is stored, it will be stored securely in encrypted format with enhanced security controls.

To check your Internet Browser encryption level:

If you are using **Microsoft® Internet Explorer®** click on your drop down *Help* menu and go to *About Internet Explorer*. The encryption level is stated as "Cipher Strength." If you are using **Netscape Navigator® or Communicator®** click on *Help* then go to *About Navigator/Communicator*.

If you have a version that supports 40 bit encryption, you will see the following message: "**This version supports International security...**" If you have a version that supports 128 bit encryption you will see the following message: "**This version supports U.S. security...**".

If you are currently using an Internet Browser version that supports 40-bit encryption, you will need to upgrade it. You may download a 128-bit Internet Browser from <http://www.microsoft.com/> or <http://www.netscape.com/> .

Before you enter in your Credit Card Information, verify that you are in an encrypted secure session by checking to see if the status bar displays either a padlock or security key and that the address field displays the “S” in “HTTPS”:

The Government Web site deletes any information from its memory (cache) when you sign out of its system. However, under certain conditions, information may be recalled or viewed from your computer if the memory (cache) is not cleared. Therefore, the Government of Saskatchewan strongly recommends that the cache of the computer used to perform the transaction be cleared.

To clear the Internet Browser cache on **Microsoft® Internet Explorer®**:

Click on the *Tools* menu, *Internet Options*, *Delete Files*, Click *Ok*

To clear the Internet Browser cache from within **Netscape Navigator®**:

Click on the *Edit* menu, select *Preferences*, under the "Category" list (on left side of the Preferences window), open the sub-menu for "Advanced" by clicking on the + symbol, from the “Advanced Sub menu, click on the word: Cache, select *Clear Memory Cache & Clear Disk Cache*, click *OK*

Government of Saskatchewan websites may create a small file on your computer, called a “cookie”. Such files allow us to provide you with personalized information on your future visits to our websites; they are not used for any other purpose and will not contain any personal financial information.

Government of Saskatchewan computer systems used to process your financial transactions employ strong controls to ensure the security of Consumer information. Access controls, including but not limited to firewalls are used to protect internal systems from unauthorized external access through use of hardware and software from the Internet and our internal computer systems.

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When you visit a Government of Saskatchewan website, the server may automatically collect and retain a limited amount of data essential to the efficient operation and security of that site.

Processes may analyze this data and a statistical report may be created to help us identify usage trends and improve our services. Some Government of Saskatchewan websites may distribute a small file to your computer, called a "cookie". Such files allow us to provide you with personalized information on your future visits to our websites; they are not used for any other purpose.

When you voluntarily send us electronic mail or complete an electronic form that includes identifying information about yourself, we will keep a record of this information so that we can respond to your inquiry.

If you have further concerns about privacy in the operations of the Government of Saskatchewan please contact the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office](#).

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