

Bramtons Ltd have produced this privacy notice in order to keep you informed of how we handle your personal data.

All handling of your personal data is done in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("Data Protection Legislation").

Our use of your personal data will be governed by this Privacy Notice.

Bramtons is a Data Controller for the personal information that it collects and uses about you. We will treat your personal information as confidential and in accordance with applicable data protection legislation and your personal information will only be shared with others in accordance with this Privacy Notice.

If there are any changes to the way in which your personal information is used, this Privacy Notice will be updated.

What is personal information?

Personal information is any information that tells us something about you. This could include identity, contact or financial data such as name, contact details, date of birth, bank account details or any information about your needs or circumstances which would allow us to identify you.

Some personal information is classified as "special" data under data protection legislation. This includes information relating to health, racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs or political opinions and sexual orientation. This information is more sensitive and we need to have further justifications for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. There are also additional restrictions on the circumstances in which we are permitted to collect and use criminal conviction data.

Any references to personal information in this privacy notice will include personal data, and where relevant, special categories of personal data.

What personal information do we collect?

We will collect your full name and contact details (such as phone number, email address and postal address) from you whenever you engage with us.

In addition, if we are providing a service to you, or on your behalf, where we are required to do so by law, we will collect information relating to your identity, which will be at least one form of photographic identification (such as a passport, a driving licence or an identification card) and one form of documentation with proof of your place of residence (such as a recent utility bill).

Depending on the service that we provide to you (or on your behalf) we may also collect additional personal information as detailed below;

If you are selling or letting a property through us;

- Contact telephone number to get in touch with you about organising viewings and updating you on any offers received or rental applications for your property

- Details as to your ability to sell or let the property such as a Power of Attorney, Guardianship Order or Grant of Probate where you are not the legal owner of the property
- Bank account details to arrange onward payment of rent due to you

If you wish to rent a property we are listing;

- Specific access requirements so that we can find a property that is suitable for your needs
- Details of your Biometric residence card, your immigration status document and/or your birth certificate to carry out our required checks under the 'Right to Rent' scheme

If you wish to purchase a property we are listing;

- Specific access requirements so that we can find a property that is suitable for your needs
- Information required to source a property for you and where required negotiate the purchase of a property on your behalf

If you are enlisting our property management service;

- Additional emergency contact information in case we need to get in touch with you outside of working hours or in the event there is a matter requiring your urgent attention.

How we use your personal information?

Under data protection legislation we are only permitted to use your personal information if we have a legal basis for doing so. We rely on the following legal bases to use your information;

- For employment-related purposes
- Where we need information to perform the contract we have entered into with you
- Where we need to comply with a legal obligation
- Where the processing is necessary for us to carry out activities for which it is in Bramtons' legitimate interests (or those of a third party) to do so and provided that your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests, including processing necessary for us to operate the administrative and technical aspects of our business efficiently and effectively – this will include:
 - verifying the accuracy of information that we hold about you
 - processing for administrative efficiency purposes such as where we outsource certain administrative functions to third parties who are specialise in such services
 - processing for network and information security purposes i.e. in order for us to take steps to protect your information against loss, damage, theft or unauthorised access or to comply with a request from you in connection with the exercise of any of your rights outlined below

In more limited circumstances we may also rely on the following legal bases:

- Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests); and/or

- Where it is needed in the public interest or for official purposes

We may process special categories of personal information and criminal conviction information in the following limited circumstances:

- With your explicit consent, in which case we will explain the purpose for which the information will be used at the point where we ask for your consent

For specific information on how your personal information will be used for the services you have requested from us, please select from any of the options below;

Buying, Selling, Letting or Renting

- We use your personal information for the purposes of fulfilling our obligations to you to let or sell your property or, if you are a buyer or tenant, for the purposes of arranging a contract for sale or a lease for you
- If you are purchasing a property we are acting as agents for the sale of or selling a property through us we will share your personal information with your appointed solicitors and the solicitors acting for the other side of the deal as is necessary to facilitate the sale or purchase
- If you are renting a property we are acting as letting agents of, we will share your personal data with third party referencing agencies for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime, fraud and/or money laundering and checking your suitability to rent that property

Property Management

- Where we are managing property on your behalf we may need to pass your personal information from time to time on to third party contractors whom we have engaged to carry out maintenance on your properties

Other uses of your personal information

- If we sell any part of our business and/or integrate it with another organisation your details may be disclosed to our advisers and to prospective purchasers or joint venture partners and their advisers. If this occurs the new owners of the business will only be permitted to use your information in the same or similar way as set out in this privacy notice
- We will share personal information with our regulators, governmental or quasi-governmental organisations, law enforcement authorities and with courts, tribunals and arbitrators as may be required from time to time in order to comply with our regulatory and legal obligations
- Where we use third party services providers who process personal information on our behalf in order to provide services to us. This includes IT systems providers and IT contractors as well as third party referencing or screening agencies for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime

What happens if you do not provide information that we request?

We need some of your personal information to perform the services you have requested from us. For example:

- where we are selling a property on your behalf we need to know your contact information so that we can update you with information on viewings, offers and the progress of the sale
- where you have asked us to find you a property which meets certain access requirements, we may need to know some further details about your particular circumstances so that we can find you a suitable property

We also need some information so that we can comply with our legal obligations. For example, we may need identity documents from you to meet our obligations to prevent fraud and money laundering.

If you do not provide the information required for these purposes, we will not be able to perform our contract with you and may not be able to provide services to you or continue to provide certain services to you. We will explain when this is the case at the point where we collect information from you.

How we keep your information secure?

The security of information is very important to us and we have measures in place which are designed to prevent unauthorised access to your personal information including but not limited to:

- Our client files are stored on our secure client management systems. Access is restricted on our client systems to those within the business who are required to have access to your information for legitimate business purposes
- Hard copy documentation is stored in locked cabinets

All data is hosted in systems with protections in place to protect against both unauthorised access, and other external factors that could cause damage to, your personal data. There are strict access requirements in place and access is restricted to those absolutely necessary.

We ensure access to personal information is restricted to Bramtons employees on a need to know basis.

For how long do we keep your personal information?

The period for which we will keep your personal information will depend on the type of service you have requested from us. The retention period may be longer than the period for which we are providing services to you where we have statutory or regulatory obligations to retain personal information for a longer period, or where we may need to retain the information in case of a legal claim.

Overseas transfers of your personal information

We may transfer, store, or process your personal information in locations outside the UK and the European Economic Area (EEA). Where the countries to which your personal information is

transferred do not offer an equivalent level of protection for personal information to the laws of the UK, we will ensure that appropriate safeguards are put in place.

Your rights in relation to your personal information

You have a number of rights in relation to your personal information, these include the right to:

- Be informed about how we use your personal information
- Obtain access to your personal information that we hold
- Request that your personal information is corrected if you believe it is incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate
- Request that we erase your personal information in the following circumstances:
 - If Bramtons is continuing to process personal information beyond the period when it is necessary to do so for the purpose for which it was originally collected
 - If the personal information has been processed unlawfully (i.e. in breach of the requirements of the data protection legislation)
 - If it is necessary to delete the personal information to comply with a legal obligation
- Ask us to restrict our data processing activities where you consider that:
 - personal information is inaccurate
 - our processing of your personal information is unlawful
 - where we no longer need the personal information but you require us to keep it to enable you to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim
 - where you have raised an objection to our use of your personal information
- Request a copy of certain personal information that you have provided to us in a commonly used electronic format. This right relates to personal information that you have provided to us that we need in order to perform our agreement with you and personal information where we are relying on consent to process your personal information
- Object to our processing of your personal information where we are relying on legitimate interests or exercise of a public interest task to make the processing lawful. If you raise an objection we will carry out an assessment to determine whether we have an overriding legitimate ground which entitles us to continue to process your personal information
- Not be subject to wholly automated decisions which produce legal effects or which could have a similarly significant effect on you

Contact details

If you have any questions, comments or requests regarding any aspect of this Privacy Policy, please do not hesitate to contact us by sending an email to lettings@bramtons.co.uk.