

**THE MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES ACT:  
DEFINITIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF DATA**

The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) establishes a system of data classifications that define, in general terms, who is legally authorized to access government data. This classification system is constructed from the definitions provided in Minnesota Statutes section 13.02. See also Minnesota Rules part 1205.0200.

<b>GOVERNMENT DATA</b> All data kept in any recorded form, regardless of physical form, storage media, or conditions of use <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 7</small>		
<b>DATA ON INDIVIDUALS*</b>  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 5</small>	<b>DATA ON DECEDENTS</b>  <small>MS §13.10, SUBDIVISION 1</small>	<b>DATA NOT ON INDIVIDUALS *</b>  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 4</small>
<b>PUBLIC</b> Accessible to anyone for any reason  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 15</small>	<b>PUBLIC</b> Accessible to anyone for any reason  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 15</small>	<b>PUBLIC</b> Accessible to anyone for any reason  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 14</small>
<b>PRIVATE</b> Accessible to the data subject; Not accessible to the public  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 12</small>	<b>PRIVATE **</b> Accessible to the representative of the decedent; Not accessible to the public  <small>MS §13.10, SUBDIVISION 1B.</small>	<b>NONPUBLIC</b> Accessible to the subject of the data, if any; Not accessible to the public  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 9</small>
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> Not accessible to the data subject; Not accessible to the public  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 3</small>	<b>CONFIDENTIAL **</b> Not accessible to the representative of the decedent; Not accessible to the public  <small>MS §13.10, SUBDIVISION 1A</small>	<b>PROTECTED NONPUBLIC</b> Not accessible to the data subject; Not accessible to the public  <small>MS §13.02, SUBDIVISION 13</small>

\* Individual is defined at MS §13.02, subdivision 8. Individual means a living human being. It does not mean any type of entity created by law, such as a corporation.  
 \*\* Private and confidential data on decedents become public data ten years after the death of the data subject *and* 30 years after the creation of the data.