



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government

www.met.ie

(Privacy Statement)

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government and for weather forecasting.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of www.met.ie ; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Purposes of the processing

The Department will use your data on www.met.ie for 3 purposes: (a) in order to give a more accurate geo-located weather forecast to customers, (b) to respond to queries and complaints from members of the public and (c) to gauge website usage and performance. The Department will not process your personal data for any purpose other than that for which it is collected. The Privacy Statement for the Weather Warnings Alerting Service is [here](#)

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of www.met.ie for automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

Lawfulness of processing

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1) (a) which states that you have given consent to the processing of your personal data for the specific purpose of this processing activity.

Security of your personal data

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department's Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

Recipients of the data

External third party processors are used by Met Éireann for the purposes of the provision of our services to you, and to help us improve our services.

www.met.ie has an optional feature that the data subject can give the website permission to send their device (personal computer/smartphone/tablet) internet browser location information, in the form of GPS co-ordinates, to the web server to generate a localised weather forecast for that location.

The GPS co-ordinates are sent over an SSL encrypted connection from their device to the web server which is hosted by our web developers Fusio Ltd. The server does a "lookup" on the MySQL database to convert the co-ordinates into latitude and longitude format.

Fusio Ltd. call an API with this location data to retrieve a weather forecast for the data subject's location and return it to their device browser. This location data is never stored on the web servers. The data is not sent to Met Éireann, it is processed by Fusio Ltd who host the website on Met Éireann's behalf. This is an optional feature which can be disabled via the device's browser settings.

Customers who e-mail Met Éireann's website voluntarily provide us with their e-mail address in the same manner as customers who e-mail the Department of Housing website. There is no legal basis for Met Éireann to hold this e-mail address other than to reply to the customer's query in order to comply with the Department's Customer Charter on e-mail requests. The Department Customer Service policy is located [here](#)

The Google Analytics Tracking Code on our website pages www.met.ie obtains IP address, previous website address from which our website was accessed, search terms, web browser, clickstream data which shows the traffic of visitors around this web, web browser, operating system, screen resolution. The DHPLG cookie policy is [here](#) . This personal data is not stored by Met Éireann. A web browser is used to generate aggregate reports from analytics.google.com. A small number of Met Éireann staff and our web hosts Fusio Ltd. have access to analytics for www.met.ie. Personal data is not shared with/disclosed to recipients outside of the Department. Data is retained by google. See Google Analytics and the EU – US Privacy Shield https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/7105316?hl=en&ref_topic=2919631

Met Éireann will not share your personal data with any other recipients.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of www.met.ie to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

How long will your data be kept?

The Department will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed.

In line with legislative and business requirements, the data retention period for your personal data, in this instance, is dependent on the data retention period policy of each Business Unit. Geo-located forecasts can be disabled via the device browser settings.

Your rights

The Department's [Data Protection Policy](#), which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request.

If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commissioner (www.dataprotection.ie), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

If you require further information, or wish to access your personal data, please contact the Department's **Data Protection Officer**, details below:

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