



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Met Éireann Weather Warnings Alerting Service

(Privacy Statement)

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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 Met Éireann's Forecast Division system for the dispersal of Weather Warning notifications via email and text message; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Why we are processing your data

The Department will use your data in order to disseminate weather warning alerts to you based on your customised choices. The Department will not process your personal data for any purpose other than that for which it was collected.

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of Met Éireann's Forecast Division system for the dispersal of Weather Warning notifications via email and text message; for the purpose of automated decision making or profiling.

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. If you would like your personal data to be erased from our database, please contact digital.queries@met.ie to request this. Please see the 'How long will we keep your personal data?' below for more information.

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

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

The Weather Warning Notification Registration Profile Setup form available on our website www.met.ie was created by FUSIO LTD. The data processors are FUSIO Ltd. and Jeremy Benn Associates (JBA) Ltd.

FUSIO Ltd. integrate the data subject's registration and account customisation forms with JBA Ltd. APIs.

JBA Ltd. will carry out specific tasks on the data subject's database on behalf of the data controller. This is performed by JBA Ltd. API's. The JBA Ltd. API's are the central system for disseminating content to data subjects based on their customised choices. All personal data is stored and backed up by JBA Ltd.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer your personal data collected in respect of Met Éireann's Forecast Division system for the dispersal of Weather Warning notifications via email and text message to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

How long will we keep your data?

The Department will retain and process your personal data for the purposes for which it was collected and processed. If you no longer wish to receive alerts by email or text message please delete all alerts that you have set up in your account on <https://www.met.ie/warnings/login>. If you would like your personal data to be erased from our database, please contact digital.queries@met.ie to request this.

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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