



Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching
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PRIVACY & COLLECTION POLICY

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching, ABN 274 356 962 20complies with the Privacy Act 1988 and the applicable Privacy Principles in the Privacy Act when handling personal information, together with the Health Records Act 2001 Victoria and the applicable Health Privacy Principles in the Health Records Act when handling personal information which is health information.

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching takes the protection of your personal information seriously. Personal information includes any information or opinion, whether true or not, about a person who is identified or whose identity can reasonably be established.

Data Collection Practices

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching collects personal information for the purposes of providing you with a counselling or coaching service. As part of this service, it is possible that the practice may need to collect information about things like how to contact you to arrange an appointment. Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching may collect information via the practice Consent Forms or other company forms that you complete, via our online booking system if you use that and via administration, or through our website www.benjaminwatkins.com.au.

The kind of personal and health information that Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching may collect will depend on who you are (e.g. a client or third-party service provider) and the nature of your connection with Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching. This information may include but is not limited to things like:

- your full name
- address
- email address
- date of birth
- Medicare details
- billing information
- general appointment information and other personal information.

It is important that you are aware that failure to provide Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching with all the information requested, means that Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching may not be able to deliver the counselling or coaching services that you have requested.

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching collects personal information in the following ways:

- from you when you make an inquiry, book an appointment, email the practice, phone the practice, engage with the practice on social media, complete

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documentation, in a counselling session where you request a letter or report, where you complete an assessment or make an online booking;

- from third-party service providers – if you are referred through an EAP / doctor / or another third party, they usually provide us with your contact information and other information relevant to the referral;
- when we receive enquiries through www.benjaminwatkins.com.au and when the website is otherwise accessed or used and/or through your communications with our social media.

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Consent

You consent to Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching collecting, using and disclosing your personal and health information for the purpose of complying with this privacy policy. By booking an appointment, making an inquiry, registering your details via our website/phone/email/SMS/social media contact/fax or other and or by completing a consent form, you provide Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching with consent to collect, use and disclose your personal and health information for the purpose covered in this privacy policy following all required legislated confidentiality guidelines.

Information and Use

In the course of providing you with services, Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching may use the information that you have provided to Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching including personal and health information, in order to provide you with counselling or coaching services, send you an electronic newsletter, respond to feedback and complaints, utilise the Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching website, correspond with you and if required, enforce our client consent form/payment arrangement form.

Quality and Security of Data Collected

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching takes reasonable steps to protect personal information collected and secure it from misuse, loss and interference and from unauthorised access and modification. Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching endeavours to ensure all such information collected is up-to-date and complete at the time it is collected, used or disclosed.

To ensure your information is accurate, please notify Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching of any changes. You can do this by emailing Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching at any time.



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Health Information Collected

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching complies with the Health Privacy Principles and the ethical guidelines of the Psychotherapy & Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA) in the collection, use and disclosure of all health information and to ensure that it is kept confidential.

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching may collect your health information when you attend the practice and/or at any other time from time to time in the course of providing counselling services.

Your information may be collected for, but is not limited to, the following reasons:

- as it is required for the provision of counselling or coaching services, including recording your personal information and health information as relevant to your current situation for the purposes of providing therapeutic intervention, writing reports and summaries;
- only as essential for the provision of counselling or coaching services, or as otherwise in accordance with your consent, or as may be required by law;
- only from you (or from someone authorised by you with your written consent)
- in accordance with the code of ethics set out by the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA), registration number 27997.
- with accuracy, on the basis that you may at any time request a copy of the health information that Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching has collected by emailing Benjamin at benjamin@benjaminwatkins.com.au (subject always to applicable law) and where our records are found to be inaccurate, we will rectify any inaccuracies on the basis of the further information you provide.

Access, Updates and Complaints

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching will provide you with access to your personal and health information that has been collected, subject to any legal exceptions, at your written request. Please also let us know if you have any concerns, questions or complaints so that Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching can address them promptly for you, by sending an email to benjamin@benjaminwatkins.com.au. Where our records are found to be inaccurate, Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching will promptly correct any inaccuracies on the grounds of updated information that you provide.

Disclosure

Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching discloses personal information to additional third parties with your consent in accordance with this privacy policy or if permitted, authorised or required to do so by any relevant Federal, State or Territory law.

Changes to this Privacy Policy

From time to time, Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching may make amendments to this privacy policy. Any changes will be effective immediately upon the uploading of the



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revised privacy policy on www.benjaminwatkins.com.au. By continuing to use Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching website and/or the counselling or coaching service following any changes, you will be deemed to have agreed to such changes. If you do not agree with the terms of this privacy policy, as amended from time to time, in whole or part, you must terminate your use of the website and inform us immediately prior to any further receipt of our counselling or coaching services.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about this privacy policy please contacted Benjamin Watkins Counselling & Coaching at benjamin@benjaminwatkins.com.au.