

STATE OF MONTANA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION

A. INTRODUCTION

I understand that as an employee of the State of Montana, I may have access to several categories of confidential data and information. This data and information may be generated by me or provided to me by others regarding individuals and entities in either oral and written form through a variety of communication mediums, including during in-person or telephonic conversations, by electronic or paper documentation, or by other means during interactions with others from within the State, from other agencies, or with individuals or entities outside of state government. I understand the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of this data and information to protect the privacy rights of individuals and entities, including employees and the general public, and to protect the State and me from possible liability, penalties, and criminal charges for unlawful disclosure. Because of these responsibilities, I understand the need for reading and understanding this Acknowledgement.

B. CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION

I understand the following:

1. I may have access to criminal justice information as defined in footnote 2 below, via the state network.
2. My access to this information is limited for the purpose(s) outlined in the agreement between the State of Montana and the government agency providing the information.
3. Criminal history information and related data are particularly sensitive and may cause great harm if misused.
4. Misuse of the system by accessing it without authorization, exceeding the authorization, using the system improperly, or using, disseminating or re-disseminating criminal justice information without authorization, may constitute a state crime, federal crime, or both.

2 CJIS Data - Data considered to be criminal justice in nature to include images, files, records, and intelligence information. FBI CJIS data is information derived from state or Federal CJIS systems.