

# ERIKA TECHNOLOGY PRIVACY POLICY

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Erika privacy policy.

Erika (collectively referred to as “we”, “us” or “our” in this privacy policy) respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. **The minimum age requirement for using the Erika App and services is 11, with the exception of the Erika AI chat service which is 13. By using our App and services you declare that you are age 11+. If you are age 11-12 you must get consent from a parent who has parent responsibility for you, consenting to the processing of your data detailed in this Privacy Policy. Parent consent should be submitted by email to hello@erika.app. By using the Erika AI chat service you declare you are age 13.** This privacy policy will inform you as to how we look after your personal data when you visit our Website and use our App (regardless of where you visit or download it from) and tell you about your privacy rights and how the law protects you.

Please use the Glossary (at the end of this privacy policy) to understand the meaning of some of the capitalised terms used in this privacy policy.

## 1 IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND WHO WE ARE

### Purpose of this privacy policy

This privacy policy aims to give you information on how Erika collects and processes your personal data through your use of our Website and App, including any data you may provide through our Website and App when you purchase and use our products or services.

It is important that you read this privacy policy so that you are fully aware of how and why we are using your personal data. This privacy policy may supplement other privacy notices and is not intended to override them.

### Controller

Erika is the controller and responsible for your personal data.

We have appointed a data privacy manager who is responsible for overseeing questions in relation to this privacy policy. If you have any questions about this privacy policy, please contact the data privacy manager using the details set out below.

### Contact details

If you have any questions about this privacy policy or our privacy practices, please contact our privacy manager in the following ways:

- By email: [hello@erika.app](mailto:hello@erika.app)

- By post: 9th Floor 107 Cheapside, London, United Kingdom, EC2V 6DN

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (UK ICO) who is the regulator for data protection issues in the UK ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the UK ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

### **Changes to this privacy policy and your duty to inform us of changes**

We keep our privacy policy under regular review.

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

### **Third-party links**

Our Website and App may include links to third-party websites, plug-ins and applications. Clicking on those links or enabling those connections may allow third parties to collect or share personal data about you. We do not control these third-party websites and are not responsible for their privacy statements. When you leave our website, we encourage you to read the privacy policy of every website you visit.

## **2 THE DATA WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU**

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We may collect, use, store and transfer different kinds of personal data about you which we have grouped together as follows:

- **Identity Data** includes first name, last name, username, DOB or similar identifier.
- **Contact Data** includes email address and telephone numbers.
- **Transaction Data** includes details about payments to and from you and other details of the products and services you have purchased from us.
- **Technical Data** includes internet protocol (IP) address, device ID, media access control (MAC), your login data, browser type and version, time zone setting and user location, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform, and other technology on the devices you use to access this website.
- **Profile Data** includes your username and password, purchases or orders made by you, your preferences, feedback and survey responses.
- **Usage Data** includes information about how you use our website, products and services and content you provide via chat

- **Marketing and Communications Data** includes your preferences in receiving marketing from us and our third parties and your communication preferences.

We also collect, use and share aggregated data such as statistical or demographic data for any purpose. Aggregated data could be derived from your personal data but is not considered personal data in law as this data will **not** directly or indirectly reveal your identity. For example, we may aggregate your Usage Data to calculate the percentage of users accessing a specific Website or App feature. However, if we combine or connect aggregated data with your personal data so that it can directly or indirectly identify you, we treat the combined data as personal data which will be used in accordance with this privacy policy.

We **do not** collect any special categories of personal data about you (this includes details about your race or ethnicity, religious or philosophical beliefs, sexual orientation, political opinions, trade union membership, information about your health, and genetic and biometric data). Nor do we collect any information about criminal convictions and offences.

### **If you fail to provide personal data**

Where we need to collect personal data by law, or under the terms of a contract we have with you, and you fail to provide that data when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have or are trying to enter into with you (for example, to provide you our products and services). In this case, you will have a reduced functionality and experience of our products and services and we may even have to cancel your use of the products and services you have with us but we will notify you if this is the case at the time.

## **3 HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL DATA COLLECTED?**

We use different methods to collect data from and about you including through:

**Direct interactions.** You may give us your Identity, Contact, Profile, and Transaction Data by filling in forms or by corresponding with us by post, phone, email or otherwise. This includes personal data you provide when you:

- apply for our products and services;
- create an ERIKA account on our Website or App;
- subscribe to our publications;
- request marketing to be sent to you;
- enter a competition, promotion or survey; or
- give us feedback or contact us.

**Automated technologies or interactions.** As you interact with our Website or App and the our products and service, we will automatically collect Technical Data about your equipment, browsing actions, patterns and online posts. We collect this personal data by using cookies and other technologies.

**Third parties or publicly available sources.** We will receive personal data about you from various third parties and public sources as set out below:

Technical Data from the following parties:

- Analytics providers such as Google;
- Public libraries;
- Social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter;
- Search information providers;
- Advertising networks;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party online posts and blogs such as other Erika user social media posts or business websites and media;
- Contact, Financial and Transaction Data from providers of technical, payment and delivery services;
- Identity and Contact Data from data brokers or aggregators; and
- Identity and Contact Data from publicly available sources such as Companies House and the Electoral Register based inside the UK.

#### **4 HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal data in the following circumstances:

- Where we need to perform the contract we are about to enter into or have entered into with you.
- Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.
- Where we need to comply with a legal obligation.

To find out more about the types of lawful basis that we will rely on to process your personal data, please see below.

Generally, we do not rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your personal data although we will get your consent before sending third-party direct marketing

communications to you via email. You have the right to withdraw consent to marketing at any time by contacting us.

**Purposes for which we will use your personal data**

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use your personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

Note that we may process your personal data for more than one lawful ground depending on the specific purpose for which we are using your data. Please contact us or get your parent to contact us, if you need details about the specific legal ground we are relying on to process your personal data where more than one ground has been set out in the table below.

<b>Purpose/Activity</b>	<b>Type of data</b>	<b>Lawful basis for processing including basis of legitimate interest</b>
To register you as a new customer	(a) Identity (b) Contact	Performance of a contract with you
To provide our products and services	(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical (d) Transactional (e) Usage (f) Profile (g) Marketing and Communications	Performance of a contract with you
To manage our relationship with you which will include:  (a) Notifying you about changes to our terms or privacy policy  (b) Asking you to leave a review or take a survey	(a) Identity (b) Contact  (c) Profile  (d) Marketing and Communications	(a) Performance of a contract with you  (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation  (c) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to keep our records updated and to study how customers use our products and services)

<p>To enable you to partake in a prize draw, competition or complete a survey</p>	<p>(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Usage (e) Marketing and Communications</p>	<p>(a) Performance of a contract with you  (b) Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products and services, to develop them and grow our business)  (c) Consent (where necessary)</p>
<p>To administer and protect our business, our Website and our App (including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, system maintenance, support, reporting and hosting of data)</p>	<p>(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical (d) Profile</p>	<p>(a) Necessary for our legitimate interests (for running our business, provision of administration and IT services, network security, to prevent fraud and in the context of a business reorganisation or group restructuring exercise)  (b) Necessary to comply with a legal obligation</p>
<p>To deliver relevant website content and advertisements to you and measure or understand the effectiveness of the advertising we serve to you</p>	<p>(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Profile (d) Usage (e) Marketing and Communications (f) Technical</p>	<p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to study how customers use our products and services, to develop them, to grow our business and to inform our marketing strategy)</p>
<p>To use data analytics to improve our Website, our App, our products and services, marketing, customer relationships and experiences</p>	<p>(a) Technical (b) Usage</p>	<p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to define types of customers for our products and services, to keep our website updated and relevant, to develop our business and to inform our marketing strategy)</p>
<p>To make suggestions and recommendations to you about products or services that may be of interest to you</p>	<p>(a) Identity (b) Contact (c) Technical</p>	<p>Necessary for our legitimate interests (to develop our products and services and grow our business)</p>

	(d) Usage (e) Profile (f) Marketing and Communications	
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## Marketing

We strive to provide you with choices regarding certain personal data uses, particularly around marketing and advertising.

### Promotional offers from us

We may use your Identity, Contact, Technical, Usage and Profile Data to form a view on what we think you may want or need, or what may be of interest to you. This is how we decide which products, services and offers may be relevant for you (we call this marketing).

You will receive marketing communications from us if you have requested information from us or purchased our products or service from us and you have not opted out of receiving that marketing.

### Third-party marketing

We will get your express opt-in consent before we share your personal data with any third party for marketing purposes.

### Opting out

You can ask us or third parties to stop sending you marketing messages at any time by contacting us at any time.

Where you opt out of receiving these marketing messages, this will not apply to personal data provided to us as a result of our products and services purchased.

### Cookies

You can set your browser to refuse all cookies, only allow essential cookies or accept all cookies. If you disable or refuse cookies, please note that some parts of our Website may become inaccessible or not function properly.

### Change of purpose

We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If you wish to get an explanation as to how the processing for the new purpose is compatible with the original purpose, please contact us.

If we need to use your personal data for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal data without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

A note about accuracy: AI services like Erika AI chat generate responses by reading a user's request and, in response, predicting the words most likely to appear next. In some cases, the words most likely to appear next may not be the most factually accurate. For this reason, you should not rely on the factual accuracy of output from Erika AI chat.

## **5 DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

We may share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in the table above.

- External Third Parties as set out in the *Glossary*.
- Third parties to whom we may choose to sell, transfer or merge parts of our business or our assets. Alternatively, we may seek to acquire other businesses or merge with them. If a change happens to our business, then the new owners may use your personal data in the same way as set out in this privacy policy.

We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal data and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

## **6 INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS**

We do not transfer your personal data outside the UK.

## **7 DATA SECURITY**

We have put in place appropriate technical and organisational security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected personal data breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a breach where we are legally required to do so.

## **8 DATA RETENTION**

**How long will you use my personal data for?**



We will only retain your personal data for as long as reasonably necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or reporting requirements. We may retain your personal data for a longer period in the event of a complaint or if we reasonably believe there is a prospect of litigation in respect to our relationship with you.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or other requirements.

By law we have to keep basic information about our customers (including Contact, Identity, Financial and Transaction Data) for six years after they cease being customers for tax purposes.

In some circumstances you can ask us to delete your data: see below for further information.

In some circumstances we will anonymise your personal data (so that it can no longer be associated with you) for research or statistical purposes, in which case we may use this information indefinitely without further notice to you.

## **9 YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS**

Under certain circumstances, you have rights under data protection laws in relation to your personal data:

- Request access to your personal data.
- Request correction of your personal data.
- Request erasure of your personal data.
- Object to processing of your personal data.
- Request restriction of processing your personal data.
- Request transfer of your personal data.
- Right to withdraw consent.

If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, please contact us.

### **No fee usually required**

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal data (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request is clearly unfounded, repetitive or excessive. Alternatively, we could refuse to comply with your request in these circumstances.

## **What we may need from you**

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access your personal data (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is a security measure to ensure that personal data is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it. We may also contact you to ask you for further information in relation to your request to speed up our response.

## **Time limit to respond**

We try to respond to all legitimate requests within one month. Occasionally it could take us longer than a month if your request is particularly complex or you have made a number of requests. In this case, we will notify you and keep you updated.

## **10 GLOSSARY**

### **Lawful basis:**

Legitimate Interest means the interest of our business in conducting and managing our business to enable us to give you the best service and the best and most secure experience. We make sure we consider and balance any potential impact on you (both positive and negative) and your rights before we process your personal data for our legitimate interests. We do not use your personal data for activities where our interests are overridden by the impact on you (unless we have your consent or are otherwise required or permitted to by law). You can obtain further information about how we assess our legitimate interests against any potential impact on you in respect of specific activities by contacting us.

Performance of Contract means processing your data where it is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party or to take steps at your request before entering into such a contract.

Comply with a legal obligation means processing your personal data where it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation that we are subject to.

### **Third parties**

- Service providers acting as processors based in the United Kingdom who provide data hosting services.
- Professional advisers acting as processors or joint controllers including lawyers, bankers, auditors and insurers based in the United Kingdom who provide consultancy, banking, legal, insurance and accounting services.
- HM Revenue & Customs, regulators and other authorities acting as processors or joint controllers based in the United Kingdom.

## Your legal rights

- Request access to your personal data (commonly known as a “data subject access request”). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal data we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- Request correction of the personal data that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new data you provide to us.
- Request erasure of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data where you have successfully exercised your right to object to processing (see below), where we may have processed your information unlawfully or where we are required to erase your personal data to comply with local law. Note, however, that we may not always be able to comply with your request of erasure for specific legal reasons which will be notified to you, if applicable, at the time of your request.
- Object to processing of your personal data where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal data for direct marketing purposes. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your information which override your rights and freedoms.
- Request restriction of processing of your personal data. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data in the following scenarios:
  - (i) If you want us to establish the data’s accuracy;
  - (ii) Where our use of the data is unlawful but you do not want us to erase it;
  - (iii) Where you need us to hold the data even if we no longer require it as you need it to establish, exercise or defend legal claims; or
  - (iv) You have objected to our use of your data but we need to verify whether we have overriding legitimate grounds to use it.
- Request the transfer of your personal data to you or to a third party. We will provide to you, or a third party you have chosen, your personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format. Note that this right only applies to automated information which you initially provided consent for us to use or where we used the information to perform a contract with you.
- Withdraw consent at any time where we are relying on consent to process your personal data. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out before you withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, we may not be

able to provide certain products or services to you. We will advise you if this is the case at the time you withdraw your consent.