



FACTS

WHAT DOES THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK (F&M) DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and account balances
- Transaction history and payment history
- Overdraft history and transaction or loss history

How?

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons F&M chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does F&M share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes - such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	YES	NO
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you	YES	NO
For joint marketing with other financial companies	YES	NO
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your transactions and experiences	YES	NO
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness	YES	YES
For nonaffiliates to market to you	NO	We don't share

To limit our sharing

- Call 800.451.7843 - Ask for the CIF Department
- Visit us online: www.fm-bank.com

Please note:

If you are a *new* customer, we can begin sharing your information 30 days from the date we sent this notice. When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

However, you can contact us at any time to limit our sharing.

Questions?

Call 800.451.7843 or go to www.fm-bank.com

Who we are

Who is providing this notice?

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank (F&M)

What we do

How does F&M protect my personal information?

To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.

Employee access is on a need-to-know basis. Access may be granted for internal security, fraud prevention or to protect customer rights.

How does F&M collect my personal information?

We collect your personal information, for example, when you

- Open an account or Make deposits or withdrawals
- Apply for a loan or Use your credit or debit card
- Give us your contact information

We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, and other companies.

Why can't I limit all sharing?

Federal law gives you the right to limit only

- sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness
- affiliates from using your information to market to you
- sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

What happens when I limit sharing for an account I hold jointly with someone else?

Your choices will apply to everyone on your account.

Definitions

Affiliates

Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *Our affiliates include companies with a common corporate identity of F&M; financial companies such as FM Investment Services and nonfinancial companies such as First Midwest Title, LLC.*

Nonaffiliates

Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *F&M does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.*

Joint marketing

A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.

- *Our joint marketing partners include credit card companies and insurance companies.*



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