



Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy sets out how Associated Kiln Driers Pty Ltd ACN 004 341 048 and its related bodies corporate (referred to as “we”, “our”, or “us” in this policy) collects, holds, uses and discloses your personal information. We are committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring that our Privacy Policy complies with Australian Privacy Principles set out in the Privacy Act.

For information about our management of credit-related personal information, please see our [Credit Reporting Policy](#).

We conduct regular reviews of our policies and procedures, and we may change our Privacy Policy from time to time. The most current version of our Privacy Policy will be published on our website.

Your use of our website is also subject to our [Terms and Conditions of Use](#). You should note that other websites are made available on our website through hyperlinks. Those websites are not subject to our Privacy Policy and you should review the privacy policies of each of those other websites to assess whether they are suitable to you before using them.

You consent to us collecting, holding, using and disclosing your personal information as set out in this Privacy Policy.

What kinds of personal information do we collect and hold?

“Personal Information” is information or an opinion, in any form (whether true or not) about an individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

We collect information about you and your interactions with us, for example from our dealings with you as a customer, guarantor, contractor, job applicant, or supplier, or in some other capacity.

The kinds of personal information we collect and hold may include:

- Your name, title, and residential or business address
- Your occupation or employer
- Your training, qualifications and career history and records
- Your date of birth and other forms of identification (such as a driver’s licence)
- Your telephone number and other contact details, including email addresses
- Your Internet Protocol (IP) address and online passwords
- Records of your communications and interactions with us
- Records of your application to us as a potential employee or contractor
- Records relating to your engagement, conduct, hours worked, and payment as a contractor
- Details relating to your use of our products and services
- Credit card or debit card information
- Banking details
- Your ABN and government related identifiers, such as tax file numbers
- Information about the way you use our website

Sensitive information

“Sensitive Information” includes information about your health, race, ethnic origin, and religious beliefs.

We will not generally collect sensitive information. However, it may at times be collected for the purposes of affirmative action initiatives (for example to improve and allow for decisions around diversity and inclusion). You may also wish to provide us with sensitive information about you from time-to-time. For example, if you are a contractor you may wish to provide us with information about your health in connection with an incident on one of our work sites. If we do collect sensitive information about you we will only do so with your consent or where the collection is required or authorised by law.

Government related identifiers

“Government related identifiers” are identifiers such as driver’s licence numbers or tax file numbers. We do not collect, use, or disclose government related identifiers unless they are reasonably necessary to verify your identity for our business purposes, or where the use or disclosure is required or authorised by law. We do not adopt those identifiers to identify you or the information we may have collected about you.

Can you deal with us anonymously or by using a pseudonym?

You have the option of dealing with us anonymously or through the use of a pseudonym where it is practical to do so. For example, when you make general enquiries with us about the type of products or services we supply, or when you provide us with feedback.

If you choose to deal with us using a pseudonym we will not link that pseudonym to your personal information.

However, we may be unable to deal with you or an entity you are connected with if we cannot identify you. For example, we may not be able to supply purchased goods or services to you without knowing your name and address. In some circumstances we may be required by law only to deal with an individual who has identified themselves.

How do we collect your personal information?

We will collect your personal information from you directly whenever it is reasonable and practical to do so. There are a number of ways we may collect your personal information, including when you:

- Submit information through our website
- Deal with us face-to-face, in writing (by letter, facsimile, or email), or by telephone
- Participate in any of our events or promotions, or subscribe to any of our publications
- Submit an application, quote, purchase order and/or service request to us
- Visit our website (such as through the use of ‘cookies’ to record the way you use our website)
- In the course of supplying products and service to you, or through our other dealings with you

Where we outsource our functions to third party service providers, those providers may also collect personal information from you on our behalf.

In some cases, we may collect your personal information from publicly available records, our related bodies corporate, or non-related third parties. The circumstances where we collect your personal information from third parties may include:

- From your employer, in relation to products or services we supply to your employer as our contractor or as our customer
- From an individual or entity who may be providing services to you as our contractor
- From a third party who supplies us with products or services, including our suppliers, agents and advisors

- From a third party (such as a trade referee or credit reporting body) to assist us in assessing your application for credit. For example, to verify the information you have provided to us or to assess your circumstances
- Where we need information from your current or former employer to assist us in assessing your job application or expression of interest as a contractor
- From a third party to assist us in locating or communicating with you
- From a third party to otherwise assist us in supplying you with products or services

At all times we will ensure that your personal information is collected in a lawful and fair way, and that we comply with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles.

Collection of “cookies” and IP addresses

We use technology known as “cookies” when you visit our website to collect information about the session between your computer and our website.

A “cookie” is a small data file that will be stored on your computer hard drive or browser, recording the way you use our website. For example, cookies may record which pages of our website you have looked at or the information you searched for. We may also create cookies to display information and enable a “remember me” option to automatically log you in the next time you use our website. You can refuse all cookies by turning them off in your browser, although this may mean you cannot access certain parts of the website.

Our system automatically collects the unique network address of your computer (generally known as an IP Address) so that our system can send information to your computer. While it is possible to determine the general location of a computer from its IP address, an IP address is otherwise anonymous. If you have an online account with us, we may collect and hold:

- The IP address of each login attempt against your email account
- Details of the log in request (such as the operating system and browser) so that we can better identify your system and improve our support
- Details of the login request time, success time, and the reason for any failure to log in

We do not otherwise use your IP address to personally identify you.

The internet is not a secure method of transmitting information. Other than where we use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology (such as for the transmission of credit card information), to the maximum extent permitted by law we cannot and do not accept responsibility for the security of information you send to or receive from us over the internet, or for the unauthorised access or use of that information.

How do we manage unsolicited information?

If we receive any unsolicited personal information about you, which is not reasonably necessary for our business purposes, we will take steps to destroy or permanently de-identify that information as soon as it is reasonable and practical for us to do so. However we may be unable to destroy or de-identify unsolicited personal information if it would be unlawful for us to do so.

Why do we collect, hold, use, and disclose your personal information?

We will only collect, use, and disclose your personal information for the purposes disclosed to you at the time it is collected, or to which you have consented, or as otherwise set out in this Privacy Policy.

We collect, use, and disclose personal information reasonably necessary for our business purposes and as required by law.

Those purposes may include:

- Supplying our customers with products and services
- Managing the supply of our products and services (including processing invoices, receipts and payments)
- Managing relationships with our customers and stakeholders
- Responding to enquiries about applications, accounts, and our products and services (including through our technical publications and catalogues)
- Assessing credit applications and/or guarantees (which may involve disclosures to trade referees or credit reporting bodies for those purposes)
- Conducting checks for credit worthiness and/or fraud
- Assessing job applications or expressions of interest from potential contractors (which may involve verifying identity and/or work history for those purposes) and managing relationships with our contractors
- Assessing and investigating insurance claims or risks
- Dealing with complaints
- Ensuring safety, diversity and inclusion on our work sites
- To communicate business updates such as important safety, event or business information
- Conducting research, development, and marketing (including direct marketing)
- Debt collection, confidential dispute resolution, legal proceedings, or otherwise establishing, exercising or defending a legal or equitable claim
- Complying with legal and regulatory requirements. There are various Australian laws which require us to collect and/or disclose your personal information including the Personal Property Securities Act 2009 and laws governing State and Territory real property and security interests (for example, to register and search for security interests).

We may also use or disclose your personal information for another purpose related to the primary purposes set out above. For example, we may use the information you have already given us to supply you with further products and services. However, we will only use or disclose information for another purpose with your consent or if you would reasonably expect us to do so.

When will we disclose your personal information to third parties?

We may disclose your personal information to our related bodies corporate and third parties for the purposes set out above.

The third parties to whom we may disclose your personal information include:

- The manufacturers, suppliers, and contractors we use in our business
- Insurers, assessors, and underwriters
- Professional advisors and consultants (such as lawyers, accountants, and auditors)
- Debt collectors
- Your guarantors and security providers
- Credit reporting bodies, credit providers and other information providers
- Government and regulatory authorities (as required by law)
- Website hosts
- Organisations that assist us in research and development
- Third party service providers to whom we outsource some of our functions

Use of third-party service providers

We will disclose your personal information when we outsource certain parts of our functions to third party service providers. The functions we may outsource include:

- Managing the supply of our products and services (including processing invoices, receipts and payments)
- Establishing credit accounts and managing the credit provided to our customers
- Assessing credit applications and/or guarantees (which may involve disclosures to trade referees or credit reporting bodies for those purposes)
- Responding to enquiries about applications, accounts, and our products and services
- Conducting checks for credit worthiness and/or fraud
- Debt collection

Where we disclose your personal information to our third party service providers we require those providers to comply with the Privacy Act and APPs. Our third party service providers will not collect, use, or disclose your personal information for any purpose than our own, as set out in this Privacy Policy.

Direct marketing

Direct marketing involves communicating with you directly for the purpose of promoting our goods and services to you. From time-to-time we may use and disclose the personal information we hold about you to let you know about special offers, promotions, and products and services we think may be of interest to you. You can opt-out of receiving marketing communications by following the opt-out instructions provided in the communication.

We do not provide your personal information to other organisations for the purposes of direct marketing without your express consent.

Do we send your personal information overseas?

We are not likely to disclose your personal information to overseas recipients.

How do we store and protect your personal information?

We take all reasonable precautions to safeguard your personal information from misuse, interference and loss, and unauthorised access, modification or disclosure, including:

- Restricting access to personal information stored in our electronic and paper-based records
- Using technology products to prevent unauthorised access to our electronic databases (such as industry standard firewalls)
- Staff training, policies and procedures in relation to the use of our computers and management of personal information
- Requiring all of our third party service providers to handle personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act and APPs

When we no longer need your personal information, we will take reasonable steps to destroy or permanently de-identify that information.

How can you access your personal information?

We take all reasonable steps to ensure that the personal information we collect, use, and disclose is accurate, up-to-date, complete, and relevant. You can request access or correction of your personal information by contacting our Privacy Officer.

Under the Privacy Act you have a right to access the personal information we hold about you, subject to some exceptions allowed by law. We will respond to requests within a reasonable time. If we refuse an access request, we will give you a written notice setting out the reasons for our refusal (except to the extent it would be unreasonable to do so) and the mechanisms available to you to complain about the refusal.

There is no charge for an access request, however we may charge you a reasonable fee for costs involved in retrieving your information.

How can you contact our Privacy Officer or make a complaint?

If you question about our Privacy Policy, or if you have a complaint about how we have handled your personal information please contact:

The Privacy Officer

By telephone: (03) 5231 9100

In writing: The Privacy Officer, Associated Kiln Driers Pty Ltd
7 – 15 Forest Street
COLAC VIC 3250

By email: info@akd.com.au

We will consider your complaint and determine if it requires further investigation. You will be notified of the outcome of any such investigation.

If you remain unsatisfied with how we have handled a privacy issue, you may contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC), www.oaic.gov.au.