



PROTECTING SENSITIVE PRISON RECORDS

DOC Maintains Sensitive Records

The DOC collects extremely sensitive information about people in custody, including body scanner images, sexual abuse history, whether they identify as transgender or gay, and medical and mental health information outside of medical records. In order to protect people, much of this sensitive information is "confidential" under DOC policy, however such information is still subject to public disclosure upon request.

Releasing These Records Endangers People And Is Unconstitutional

An anti-trans hate group and media companies recently requested sensitive records about transgender people in DOC. DRW and the ACLU filed a lawsuit, and **a federal judge has ruled that disclosure by DOC would likely violate the Constitution**. DOC has argued that under the Public Records Act (PRA) it must disclose sensitive records. Doing so would put currently and formerly incarcerated people in danger of assault, harassment, and discrimination in prison and the community.

Sensitive Prison Records Must Be Protected

The legislature must create a PRA exemption that protects sensitive prison records from release in order to keep people in prison and the community safe from harm and ensure that the PRA complies with the Constitution.

What Would Still Be Available To The Public?

- Infractions and referrals to law enforcement
- Conviction, sentence, and retainers
- Statistical data
- Name, age, DOC #, location
- Certain records with written permission

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Human Impact

Sensitive records at risk of disclosure by DOC

- Body scanner images
- Sexual abuse prevention plans
- Transgender status
- Genital anatomy
- Sexual orientation
- Disability status
- History of self-harm and suicide attempts
- Medical and mental health information outside a patient's medical file

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