

Privacy Policy

BizStoria respects your privacy. This policy explains how your information is protected, collected, and used in conjunction with the operation of BizStoria's website, www.bizstoria.com, and any related online materials and services, as such items may be modified from time to time (collectively, the "Site"). BizStoria may modify its policy from time to time at its sole discretion. It is your responsibility to review BizStoria's Privacy Policy for any changes each time you use the Site.

By using the Site, you agree to the following:

1. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy does not apply to the practices of companies that BizStoria does not own or control, or to people that BizStoria does not directly employ or manage. The Site contains links to business professionals, service providers, retailers, and other websites. BizStoria is not responsible for the privacy practices or policies of such other parties.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION COLLECTION AND USE

BizStoria collects personal information when you create an account and when you visit or use the Site. BizStoria may combine information about you that we have with information we obtain from other sources. When you form an account with BizStoria and sign in to the Site, you are not anonymous to us.

When you create an account or download information, we ask for personal information such as your name, email address, and password. Depending on your use of the Site, we might also ask for your business address and details about your business, birth date, telephone numbers, credentials, and other information. The Site gives you the option of providing substantial additional information about yourself or business.

BizStoria may also collect information about your transactions with us and with some of our business partners and other members, including information about your use of financial products and services.

Our primary purpose in collecting personal information is to offer members peace of mind knowing that they are interacting with other members in a safe and trustworthy environment. Participation is very important on the Site. You agree that BizStoria may use your personal information to contact you for any reason and for the following:

- Provide service and customer support you request.
- Ensure the correct operation of the Site.
- Provide an environment in which all members can feel safe.
- Prevent prohibited or illegal activities and enforce our Terms of Use.
- Resolve disputes, collect fees, and troubleshoot problems.
- Customize and improve our services, content, and advertising.
- Compare information for accuracy and verify it with third parties.
- Conduct research and provide anonymous reporting.

Also, any time you use the Site, BizStoria automatically receives and records information from your computer and browser, including such information as your IP address, Internet Service Provider (ISP), cookie information, referring/exit pages, software and hardware attributes, and the pages you request. We use this information to analyze trends, administer the Site, prevent fraud and other misconduct, ensure compliance with Terms of Use, track visitor movement in the aggregate, gather broad demographic information, and comply with legal requirements or for other lawful purposes.

We do not intend to collect information from minors. If we discover that we have inadvertently collected information from a minor, we will promptly take all reasonable measures to delete that data from our systems.

3. INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCLOSURE

All information that is required to create an account, excluding password-related information, or that you choose to display on the Site will be displayed for other members to view and link to. This includes performance, recommendations, events and comments written or given by other members. Any such non-password-related information made available on BizStoria can be accessed by all members of BizStoria. Once you give your personal information, you are not anonymous to us or other members. Such information can be redistributed without limitation, and if you choose to provide us with personal information, you consent to the storage and transfer of that information by BizStoria and other members.

Please note that when you “follow” a member’s story, the member will gain access to your email address so they can grow their network and connect with you. Once you have connected with an individual, regardless of who sent the invitation, your email address and contact information will be shared with that individual.

Without limiting the foregoing, BizStoria may share your information under the following circumstances:

1. We may provide the information to trusted companies who work on behalf of or with BizStoria under confidentiality agreements. These companies may use your personal information to help BizStoria communicate with you about BizStoria’s services. However, these companies do not have any independent right to share this information.
2. We respond to subpoenas, court orders, or legal process, or to establish or exercise our legal rights or defend against legal claims.
3. We believe it is necessary to share information in order to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding illegal activities; suspected fraud; threats to the rights, property, or personal safety of any person; violations of BizStoria’s Terms of Use; or as otherwise required by law.
4. We may transfer information about you if BizStoria is acquired by or merged with another company, or as part of a broader transfer of substantially all business assets. In this event, you will be notified before information about you becomes subject to a substantially different privacy policy.
5. In response to customer service or account matters being handled by our employees or third parties with whom we contract under confidentiality agreement.

In addition, we may provide non-personally identifiable statistics, unique identifiers, demographic, and other anonymous information to advertisers, service and retail providers, and other third parties.

4. COOKIES

BizStoria may set and access “cookies” on your computer. We use cookies to keep track of some types of information while you are using the Site. Cookies are very small files placed on your computer, and they allow us to count the number of visitors to our Site and distinguish repeat visitors from new visitors. They also allow us to save member preferences and track usage trends. We rely on cookies for the proper operation of our Site; therefore, if your browser is set to reject all cookies, the Site will not function properly. Users who refuse cookies assume all responsibility for any resulting loss of functionality.

5. PURCHASE INFORMATION

To process purchases or fees, we will require your name, address, phone number, email address, credit card information, and age verification. Such information is used primarily to process your order or as otherwise described herein. Credit card transactions are processed through industry standard Secure Socket Layer (SSL) and/or encryption (3DES) by a third party, which only uses information for that purpose. BizStoria does not disclose credit card information to third parties except as is necessary to complete the transaction you authorize.

6. EDITING AND DELETING ACCOUNT INFORMATION

You can generally edit or delete your account information at any time. Becoming a Site member means sharing information about yourself with other members, communicating with them, and working privately on your own. By default, your account is set up to share the information that we have found most members are interested in sharing. But, the amount and type of additional information you decide to share, and with whom you share it, is generally up to you, except as required for the Site to function.

Information you have shared with others (for example, your email address, content sharing) or information that others have access to may also remain visible after you have closed your account or deleted the information from your own profile.

We reserve the right to send you certain communications relating to the Site, such as service announcements and administrative messages, without offering you the opportunity to opt out of receiving them.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

Your non-public information is provided to employees who we believe reasonably need access to such information in order to provide products or services to you or in order to otherwise perform their jobs. BizStoria takes steps to protect your information but cannot guarantee, ensure, or warrant that any information that you wish to provide to us will be secure. All information posted or transmitted to or through the Site is at your own risk.

8. CHANGES TO THIS PRIVACY POLICY

BizStoria may update this policy in its sole discretion. If we decide to change our privacy policy, we will post those changes to this page and any other places we deem appropriate. We reserve the right to modify this privacy statement at any time, so please review it frequently.

9. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

If you have any questions about this privacy statement, the practices of the Site, or your dealings with BizStoria, you can contact us by mail as follows: Site Administrator, BizStoria, 17675 SW Farmington Rd. #492, Aloha, Oregon 97007; or by email at info@bizstoria.com.