

Privacy Policy for Same City App

1. Introduction

Same City App is committed to protecting your privacy. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and safeguard your information when you use our mobile application.

2. Information We Collect

We collect the following types of information:

Authentication Information

When you sign in with Google, we collect your email address, display name, and profile picture URL.

Location Data

We collect your device's location data including:

- Latitude and longitude coordinates
- Place names and city names derived from your location
- Timestamps of location updates

Friend Request Data

When you send or receive friend requests, we collect:

- Email addresses of senders and receivers
- Display names
- Request status and timestamps

Usage Data

We may collect information about how you interact with the app, including manual location updates and daily update counts.

3. How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect to:

- Provide core functionality by sharing your location with friends who have accepted your friend requests
- Enable friend connections and manage friend requests

- Notify you when friends are nearby (if you have enabled this feature)
 - Improve the app by analyzing usage patterns
 - Update your location manually while the app is open
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4. Data Storage and Third-Party Services

Your data is stored securely using the following third-party services:

Firestore (Google)

We use Firestore services including:

- Firestore Authentication for user authentication
- Cloud Firestore for storing user data, locations, and friend relationships
- Firestore Storage for storing profile pictures (if uploaded)

Google Sign-In

We use Google Sign-In to authenticate users securely.

All data is stored on Google's secure servers. We do not sell your personal information to third parties.

5. Location Data

Location data is a core feature of our app:

- We collect location data only when you grant permission
 - Location data is shared only with users who are your confirmed friends
 - You can update your location manually while the app is open
 - You can revoke location permissions at any time through your device settings
 - Location data is used solely for the purpose of connecting friends in the same area
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6. Data Sharing

We share your information only in the following circumstances:

- With your friends: Your location and profile information is visible to users who have accepted your friend requests
- With service providers: We share data with Firestore and Google to provide app functionality

- Legal requirements: We may disclose information if required by law or to protect our rights

We do not sell, rent, or trade your personal information to third parties for marketing purposes.

7. Your Rights

You have the following rights regarding your data:

- Access: You can view your profile information and location data within the app
 - Location control: You can enable or disable location sharing at any time
 - Friend management: You can remove friends or decline friend requests at any time
 - Deletion: You may request deletion of your account and associated data by emailing samecityapp@gmail.com
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8. Data Security

We implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect your data:

- All data transmission is encrypted using industry-standard protocols
- Authentication is handled securely through Firebase and Google Sign-In
- Access to your data is restricted to authorized users (your friends) only
- We regularly review and update our security practices

However, no method of transmission over the internet or electronic storage is 100% secure.

9. Children's Privacy

Our app is not intended for children under the age of 18. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 18. If you believe we have collected information from a child under 18, please contact us immediately.

10. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. We will notify you of any changes by posting the new Privacy Policy and updating the "Last updated" date. You are advised to review this Privacy Policy periodically.

11. Contact Us

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or our data practices, please contact us at:

Email: **samecityapp@gmail.com**

App: **Same City – Serendipitous Connections**