

BarBuddy Privacy Policy

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BarBuddy (“we,” “our,” or “us”) respects your privacy and is committed to protecting the information you provide while using our mobile application (“App”). This Privacy Policy explains what data we collect, how we use it, and your rights regarding that information. By using BarBuddy, you agree to the terms outlined below.

1. Information We Collect

a. Account Information

- When users sign up for BarBuddy, we collect only the **email address** and **password** you provide.
- We **do not** collect your name, phone number, government ID, or any personally identifiable information tied to your identity.

b. User-Generated Data

- The app allows users to submit **estimated wait times** for bars in their area. These submissions are **anonymous** and linked only to a hashed version of the user’s email for internal tracking and moderation (e.g., to prevent spam or misuse).

c. Device and Usage Information

- We may collect limited non-identifying data automatically through analytics tools:
 - Device type
 - Operating system version
 - App usage statistics (e.g., most viewed bars, time spent in app)
 - Location data (see below)
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2. Location Data

To display nearby bars and events, BarBuddy may request access to your device's location:

- **Approximate location** is used to show relevant local bar information.
 - **Precise GPS data** is **not stored** or retained beyond real-time usage.
 - You may turn off location permissions at any time in your device settings, but some features may not function properly without it.
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3. How We Use Your Data

We use collected data to:

- Provide access to the app's core features (account login, viewing line times, etc.)
- Display relevant local deals, promotions, and events
- Improve app functionality and user experience
- Prevent misuse and enforce community standards

We **do not**:

- Sell or rent your data to third parties
 - Share your email with bars or promotional partners
 - Track or profile your identity
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4. Third-Party Services

BarBuddy may use third-party services for:

- Analytics (e.g., Firebase Analytics)
- Mapping (e.g., Google Maps SDK)

- Backend infrastructure (e.g., Firebase Authentication and Firestore)

These services may collect anonymized, non-personal data subject to their own privacy policies. We recommend reviewing those policies for more information.

5. Data Security

We implement technical safeguards to protect your data:

- Passwords are securely stored and encrypted
- Emails are hashed internally to prevent plain-text exposure
- Access to databases is restricted and monitored

However, no app can guarantee 100% security, and use of BarBuddy is at your own risk.

6. User Rights

As a BarBuddy user, you have the right to:

- Access, update, or delete your account at any time
- Request deletion of all data tied to your email address
- Revoke location permissions at any time

To make any such requests, please email us at [Insert Contact Email].

7. Children's Privacy

BarBuddy is not intended for individuals under the age of 18. We do not knowingly collect or store information from children.

8. Changes to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. If we make material changes, we will notify users via the app or email. Continued use of the app after changes constitutes acceptance of the revised policy.

9. Contact Us

For any questions or concerns about your privacy, you may contact us at:

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