

Texas Public Information Act -- Items Considered “Front Page”

Items that are known as the “front page” of the offense report are considered public information. These include:

- 👤 Name, age, address, race, sex, occupation, alias and physical condition of an arrested person
- 👤 Date and time of the arrest
- 👤 Offense charged and the court in which it is filed
- 👤 Details of an arrest
- 👤 Booking information
- 👤 Notation of any release or transfer
- 👤 Bonding information
- 👤 Location of the crime
- 👤 Identification and description of complainant
- 👤 Premises involved
- 👤 Time of the occurrence of the
- 👤 Property involved
- 👤 Vehicles involved, if any
- 👤 Description of the weather
- 👤 Detailed description of the offense
- 👤 Names of the arresting and investigating officers



Also included as public information are:

- 👤 Any documents created as part of the business

What is not considered public information?

- 👤 Identity of deceased person, if deceased family has not been notified
- 👤 Witness names, addresses, and telephone numbers
- 👤 Names of juvenile crime suspects
- 👤 Names of sex crime victims or information that could identify them
- 👤 Details of an investigation (not to be confused with details of the crime)

Texas Public Information Act – Items Considered Restricted Information

Texas Government Code 552.117, 552.024, 552.102

- Information restricted for public employees
- Information restricted for law enforcement
- Home address
- Home telephone number
- Emergency contact information
- Social security number
- Information that indicates family



Must have a signed form requesting the organization restrict access to your information.

Auto Crash Reports



Texas Transportation Code §550.065 allows for the release of a crash report on written request and upon payment of the required fee to any person directly concerned in the accident or having proper interest therein, including:

- Drivers, owners, parents or legal guardians
- Insurance companies
- News outlets
- Anyone who can sue because of death resulting from the accident
- Any government agency

If a person or entity does not meet any of these criteria, TxDOT does provide the option on the CR-91 form to provide a detailed explanation as to how they meet the criteria in a manner that is not listed. Persons or entities who do not meet the criteria will receive a redacted copy of the crash report.