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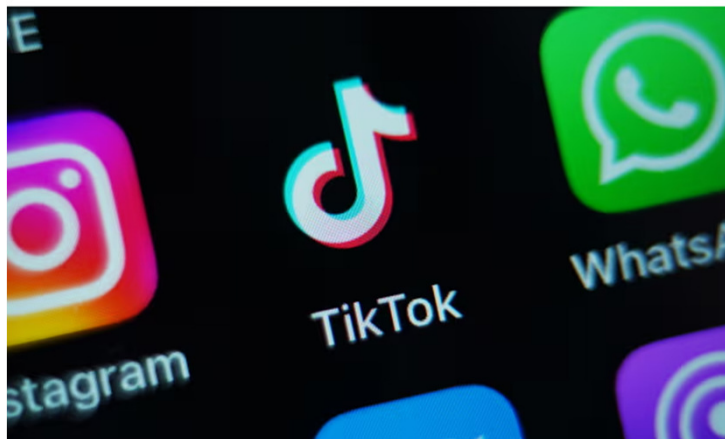## TikTok fined €530m by Irish regulator for failing to guarantee China would not access user data

Ireland's Data Protection Commission found video app breached GDPR and had submitted 'erroneous information' to inquiry

TikTok has been fined €530m ($600m) by an Irish watchdog over a failure to guarantee that European user data sent to China would not be accessed by the Chinese government.

Ireland's Data Protection Commission (**DPC**) regulates TikTok across the **European Economic Area** (**EEA**), which includes all 27 EU member states plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The DPC said: "TikTok did not address potential access by Chinese authorities to EEA personal data under Chinese anti-terrorism, counterespionage and other laws identified by TikTok as materially diverging from EU standards."

TikTok failed to "verify, guarantee and demonstrate" that European user data sent to China was offered a level of protection equivalent to that guaranteed within the EU, said the DPC.

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Alabama bill criminalizes genetic theft, protects DNA privacy rights

The bill creates a crime for unauthorized DNA use, addressing privacy concerns and gaps in current federal protections.

By **MARY CLAIRE WOOTEN** · Published on May 7, 2025 at 7:16 am CDT

Under **House Bill 449**, sponsored by Rep. Ben Robbins (R), *individuals who sell or transfer someone else's DNA without their consent to a third party could be charged with a Class C felony, carrying a penalty of up to 10 years in prison*.

Submitting a DNA sample for testing without the individual's consent, obtaining someone's genetic material for analysis, or sharing their genetic information with a third party would constitute a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to $7,500.

Additionally, accessing a person's DNA for analysis or retrieving genetic data from a computer database without authorization would be classified as a Class A misdemeanor, carrying a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a fine of up to $6,000.

Source: https://www.alreporter.com/2025/05/07/alabama-bill-criminalizes-genetic-theft-protects-dna-privacy-rights/

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Crossing borders with devices could risk your privacy: Experts

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The Canadian government warned travelers in a recent travel advisory that U.S. border agents are entitled to search your electronic devices and **"don't need to provide a reason when requesting a password to open your device."**

Some recent cases have made travelers nervous about their privacy, such as when a Brown University professor with a U.S. visa was deported to Lebanon after border agents found a photo of Hezbollah's leader on her phone.

Experts say the best strategy is to reduce the amount of information you're carrying while traveling.

If possible, leave your phone at home. If you need one on your trip, borrow a tactic used by corporate executives looking to avoid hackers: get a temporary or "burner" device. It can contain just the information you need for your trip. Download anything else from the cloud when you need it.

Source: https://www.dailysabah.com/life/crossing-borders-with-devices-could-risk-your-privacy-experts/news

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Meta Reportedly Wants to Add Facial Recognition Tech to AI Glasses—Will This Be a Privacy Issue?

Facial recognition technology for public use is still a hot topic for debate.

By Isaiah Richard

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The Information shared a report detailing Meta's latest plans to **integrate facial recognition technology into its future development of an AI-powered smart glasses that features cameras**. It was revealed that Meta's reported goal is to have the smart glasses scan the public and identify the faces of people they come across daily with the help of AI.

This facial recognition feature will reportedly be built from its technology present in its latest smart glasses known as "Live AI," which is capable of scanning objects, items, places, and more before identifying them for the user. Meta previously considered adding this technology in its first smart glasses development but did not push through with it for unknown reasons.

That being said, the company is now reportedly discussing the possibility of this feature appearing in future AI smart glasses, possibly coming by 2026.

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NIST Privacy Framework receives draft update

A draft update to the NIST Privacy Framework aims to streamline the document and align it with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology, or NIST, released a draft update of the NIST Privacy Framework to improve its usability and better align the document with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. This marks the first update to the NIST Privacy Framework, or PWF, since the release of version 1.0 in January 2020.

The **version 1.1 draft** contains revisions to the PWF's core structure and content, as well as **new additions surrounding AI and privacy risk management**. The draft follows the same structure as version 2.0 of NIST's Cybersecurity Framework, or CSF, which was released in March 2024. The version 2.0 release was the CSF's first major update in a decade.

What's more, the framework is not specific to any particular sector or technology. Rather, it allows organizations to adopt a flexible approach to managing privacy risks by communicating their privacy practices, adopting a privacy-first approach to designing systems and encouraging cross-organizational collaboration.

Source: https://www.techtarget.com/healthtechsecurity/news/366623688/NIST-Privacy-Framework-receives-draft-update

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