

II. MAKING A FOIA REQUEST

1. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all individual agency components that receive FOIA requests.

For the names, addresses, and telephone numbers, visit our website at http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/04_4.html.

2. Brief description of why some requests are not granted and an overview of certain general categories of the agency's records to which the FOIA exemptions apply.

The Department of Justice is the Executive Branch's principle law enforcement authority. As a result, many of the records maintained by the Department of Justice involve law enforcement matters. The Department of Justice asserts the FOIA's two privacy exemptions more than the rest of the exemptions combined to prevent unwarranted injury to the privacy interests of individuals mentioned in law enforcement records. The Department of Justice also commonly protects the identities of confidential informants who provide information to investigators, and information about Departmental enforcement activities the release of which would risk circumvention of the law. In the general litigation context, the Department of Justice commonly applies the FOIA to protect information protected by the civil discovery privileges.

Go to: [Table of Contents](#)