Western Iowa Networks Privacy Policy

Protecting privacy is not a new endeavor for Western Iowa Networks. WIN has a long-standing tradition of recognizing and protecting the privacy of customers who use its telecommunications services. WIN maintains strict customer information privacy policies and uses state of the art technologies to safeguard customer information and communications from unauthorized intrusions.

WIN recognizes that the growth of Internet services has created additional privacy concerns, particularly for consumers. Online privacy concerns focus primarily on the protection of "customer identifiable" information which an individual or other customer reasonably expects to be kept private. As the term suggests, "customer identifiable" information is information that, when associated with an individual identifies that individual, for example, a customer's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Some Internet users may also wish to know who can learn about what they do on the Internet, even when that online behavior is not directly linked to any information that identifies an individual. For example, advertisers may observe whether visitors to a web site see or respond to online advertising without knowing who those visitors are.

It is common practice and often a necessity for companies, governments, or other organizations to collect customer identifiable information in order to conduct busin

When you access the Internet, the computers that host web sites you visit (web servers) automatically receive some anonymous information. This "usage data" may include a record of which pages a web browser has visited. WIN servers receive usage data when customers visit westianet.com sites, and when WIN Internet customers visit other sites as well. WIN may use usage data to provide advertising about goods and services that may be of interest to WIN customers, or to provide customized fe