

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.justice.gov/oip/foiacontact/index-list.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 invokes the FOIA's two privacy exemptions, more than the rest of the other exemptions combined, to prevent unwarranted invasions of the personal privacy of individuals mentioned in law enforcement records. The Department of Justice also protects the identities of confidential informants who provide information to investigators as well as details about investigative techniques and procedures. In the general litigation context, the Department of Justice protects information covered by the civil discovery privileges.

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