

HAMS Website Privacy Policy

The website of The HAMS Harm Reduction Network, Inc (hereinafter referred to as HAMS) does not record IP addresses, use tracking cookies, or otherwise track the information of its visitors. HAMS reveals no donor information without explicit written consent of the donor. HAMS reveals no information about those who ask us questions via email or telephone or any other means without the explicit written consent of the questioner.

However, HAMS contracts with several third party providers for services which will collect tracking data if you opt to use these services. HAMS does not rent, sell or share any information gained through these third party providers without explicit written consent of the user. HAMS has the utmost respect for the privacy of our users and takes every precaution possible to protect this privacy. Moreover, HAMS takes great pains to contract only with the most reputable of third party service providers. The following is a listing of the third party providers which HAMS contracts services from and the data which these providers collect from their users:

CHAT

HAMS contracts with 123 Flash Chat to provide a real time support group via an online chat room. HAMS keeps no transcript of these chats.

123 Flash Chat records the user's IP address and uses a cookie to remember the user name and avatar of the user. 123 Flash Chat records additional information for those who choose to password protect their user name and/or create a profile. Password protection and profile creation are optional.

For more information please visit the Privacy Statement For TOPCMM Software Ltd.
http://www.topcmm.com/privacy_statement.html

YAHOO GROUPS

HAMS uses Yahoo groups to provide email support groups to our users. HAMS Yahoo groups maintain a members only archive which can be accessed by group members who choose not to receive individual emails. This archive is not indexed by search engines and cannot be viewed by non-members of the Yahoo group.

However, since it is possible for anyone to join the Yahoo group and access the archive, we strongly suggest that users who wish to protect their privacy not use their real name for these Yahoo groups. We suggest that users create an anonymous email address for use solely with these yahoo groups and create an anonymous "handle" and avoid any use of their real name in order to protect their privacy.

Email addresses of those who post to the group are visible in the posts of those choosing to receive emails but not in the archived post.

The members list of the main HAMS Yahoo group is currently hidden from all but moderators.

Users of HAMS Yahoo groups are also subject to Yahoo groups privacy policy:

<http://info.yahoo.com/privacy/us/yahoo/groups/details.html>

PAYPAL

HAMS protects the identities of all donors who donate to us via PayPal. We send a thank you note to all donors unless specifically requested not to. PayPal users are subject to PayPal's privacy policy:

https://cms.paypal.com/cgi-bin/marketingweb?cmd=_render-content&content_ID=ua/Privacy_full&locale.x=en_US

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook

We do not use facebook pages or groups as support groups. We assume that people who like our facebook pages or join our facebook groups support us ideologically and are interested in the information provided on these pages and in these groups.

Facebook users are subject to facebook's privacy policies:

<http://www.facebook.com/about/privacy/>

Twitter

If you choose to follow us on Twitter your Twitter account will be visible online as a follower of HAMS.

Twitter users are subject to Twitter's privacy policy:

<https://twitter.com/privacy>

LinkedIn

Our LinkedIn groups are public and are indexed by search engines such as Google. Our LinkedIn groups are aimed at professionals who wish to be public. Do not post to these groups if you wish to maintain your anonymity. LinkedIn users are subject to LinkedIn's privacy policy.

http://www.linkedin.com/static?key=privacy_policy

YouTube, etc.

You will be visible online if you choose to follow HAMS on YouTube, Vimeo, or other online video sharing sites or if you choose to comment on our videos on these sites. You are also subject to the privacy policies for these sites

Blogs

HAMS maintains several blogs on WordPress and other blogging sites. If you choose to follow or comment on these blogs you may be visible online. Moreover you are subject to the privacy policies of these blogging sites.

MeetUp.com

The HAMS MeetUp group's privacy settings are set to PUBLIC. This means that MeetUp information can be viewed by non-members and indexed by Google. We suggest that people who wish to join this MeetUp group and maintain their anonymity use a pseudonym or first name only for their profile and include no identifying personal information on their profile.

MeetUp users are subject to the MeetUp privacy policy.

<http://www.meetup.com/privacy/>

Other Social Media

You may also be visible online if you choose to interact with us through any other form of social media. Please check settings and privacy policies before choosing to interact with us on any social media.

AMAZON AND CREATESPACE

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OTHER THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Users are subject to the privacy policies of any other third party service providers which HAMS uses or may choose to use in the future. HAMS will share no information which these providers may gather.

DONOR INFORMATION

HAMS does not share donor information with anyone without explicit written consent from the donor. However, we are happy to list our corporate sponsors on our financial supporters page if they so wish.

EXTERNAL LINKS

HAMS lists many external links on our site which we believe may be of use to our users. HAMS is not responsible for the content or privacy policies of these websites.

FINAL DISCLAIMER

HAMS does not accept the disease theory of alcoholism. HAMS rejects the term "alcoholism" itself. HAMS users are people who are seeking good chemical health, and this is how we view them. Accessing HAMS services is not a diagnosis of anything other than good sense.

Any questions and comments regarding the HAMS Privacy Policy should be directed to:

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