

Google's Privacy Rap Sheet

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE</u>	<u>MORE INFO</u>
2013	38 State AGs fined Google \$7m for mass unauthorized collection of private WiFi data	http://tinyurl.com/b6tg8na
2013	Google Glass prompts first usage ban: Seattle bar to prevent recording private conversations	http://tinyurl.com/ai8oog2
2013	Google reversed some UK homeowner requested opt-outs from Street View in latest updates	http://tinyurl.com/bf5snrg
2013	EU found Google non-compliant with CNIL's privacy investigation; plans sanctions this summer	http://tinyurl.com/c65vxdm
2013	Android security flaw allowed the bypass of a major Google security sign-in flaw for 7 months	http://tinyurl.com/bbtv7ln
2013	Google Play found to share users' names/emails with developers without users' permission	http://tinyurl.com/b7a75g3
2013	F-Secure study: Android accounted for 96% of mobile malware attacks in 4Q12	http://tinyurl.com/bcf9hsb
2013	Fragmentation leaves Android phones vulnerable to hackers & "smishing" consumer fraud	http://tinyurl.com/b4ytsku
2012	Google maps for iPhone default for user tracking violated EU Data Protection Law per Germany	http://tinyurl.com/adl4m2v
2012	Android app verification service misses 85% of sideloaded malware per NCSU study	http://tinyurl.com/aq858s8
2012	Google Now's pedometer card tracks user walking/biking distances by default without consent	http://tinyurl.com/a6rcqlv
2012	Scientists test 13k Android Apps find 8% fail to protect bank and social media log-ins	http://tinyurl.com/9c5to42
2012	US FTC fines Google record \$22.5m for deception/bypassing Safari browser privacy settings	http://tinyurl.com/9djunwj
2012	FBI Internet Crime Center warns of malware targeting Android phone operating system	http://tinyurl.com/9li4u8g
2012	Gmail users file class action accusing Google of violating California's Invasion of Privacy Act	http://tinyurl.com/97r9ens
2012	Google found more Australia Street View data that it did not destroy but had promised to destroy	http://tinyurl.com/9ztl5m73
2012	Google did not destroy all UK Street View data that it assured UK govt. it had destroyed	http://tinyurl.com/c72m65r
2012	Google's UK privacy manager conflicted as he oversaw UK privacy investigation of Street View	http://tinyurl.com/6mwbelk
2012	Hacking Experts demonstrated new ways to attack and take over Android phones	http://tinyurl.com/ces79n4
2012	Lookout report found Android toll-fraud malware creeps into cellphone bills	http://tinyurl.com/bv54nzy
2012	Google's automated screening process missed app uploads of trojan malware for weeks	http://tinyurl.com/bn543px
2012	US FCC Street View WiSpy probe disproved Google story it was a rogue engineer's mistake	http://politico.pro/McNbyg
2012	Android Apps found to share personal data with advertisers without users' knowledge	http://bit.ly/waUjB6
2012	By design Android app developers don't need user's permission to access users' photos	http://bit.ly/KOUgfs
2012	US FCC fines Google \$25k for impeding/delaying its Street View wiretapping probe	http://bit.ly/ICly8x
2012	Google Drive terms of service grant Google broad rights to users' private info in cloud	http://bit.ly/I10LNk
2012	Stanford researcher found Google bypassed users' privacy protections on Apples's browser	http://on.wsj.com/ytg5EB
2012	Google Wallet shut down for week because users' PIN to access money wasn't private	http://bit.ly/AzksAM
2012	Google rejected EU request to delay new privacy policy to see if it complied with EU law	http://bit.ly/vZgiQD
2012	Google refuses to meet with 36 US Attorneys General about objections to new privacy policy	http://on.wsj.com/wx1DCB
2012	Google introduces new privacy policy without opt-out required by FTC enforcement decree	http://bit.ly/IPa9EH
2012	EPIC asks US FTC to probe if "Search Plus Your World" violates FTC enforcement decree	http://bit.ly/AeE1kv
2011	Google fails to fulfill its LAPD contract to ensure private/secure Gmail for law enforcement	http://bit.ly/qbGOFN
2011	Chinese hackers accessed private Gmail accounts of US Cabinet and Defense Dept. officials	http://wapo.st/iVnEVq
2011	Android defaults set to collect & implement network passwords without user's permission	http://tek.io/k42Kr9
2011	Google abused user privacy by knowingly geo-targeting them with ads to buy illegal drugs	http://1.usa.gov/qzjmx0
2011	French privacy authority fines Google \$144k for Street View privacy invasion without consent	http://tinyurl.com/adp5afp
2011	Android tracks users' movements thousands of times a day without the user's knowledge	http://on.wsj.com/gDfmEV
2011	Android's lax security found to enable hackers easy access to users private information	http://bit.ly/trp25m
2011	Google TV prevented users from installing privacy/security software for protection	http://bit.ly/bvtbk0
2011	Google settled with US FTC over charges of Google-Buzz deceptive privacy practices	http://1.usa.gov/hR4sgv
2011	Only Google made all of Wikileaks' stolen private/secret cables publicly searchable	http://reut.rs/ieeUFO
2011	Android's no-curation-policy means no privacy/security by design for users private info	http://bit.ly/nxPnH7

2011	Google enabled public download of 35 million personal profiles, adding to identity theft risk	http://bit.ly/kMxUJN
2011	US DOJ catches Google misrepresenting it had privacy/security certifications it did not have	http://bit.ly/i4AJHs
2011	"Doodle4Google" art contest sign-up required children to provide partial social security #s	http://bit.ly/f3cD20
2010	Google Street View's unauthorized recording of private WiFi communications in 33 nations	http://bit.ly/aOyj98
2010	Chinese hackers stole Google's entire password security/privacy software system	http://nyti.ms/JzMOHs
2010	Google engineer caught stalking underage teens and spying on their private chats/emails	http://gaw.kr/bVrNQ3
2009	Google depends on others to discover Google's privacy/security vulnerabilities	http://bit.ly/N4mdbk
2009	Google's centralization of all information creates "single-point-of-failure" for privacy/security	http://amzn.to/MgmSr3
2009	Librarians opposed Google Book Settlement because it had no privacy protections	http://bit.ly/JZQfH
2008	Google opposed posting its privacy policy on its homepage as required by California law	http://bit.ly/LSm19A
2007	Privacy International ranked Google worst in the world for privacy for "hostility to privacy"	http://bit.ly/KybXGp
2007	Google Street View raised privacy concerns with public photos of private home interiors	http://nyti.ms/L3BxjE
2007	Google exposed 2,000 college students social security #s & personal info in search results	http://bit.ly/LPEzrn
2007	Google Docs's terms of service claims perpetual rights to users' private material	http://zd.net/iuqtgH
2007	Privacy watchdogs opposed Google-DoubleClick merger on privacy grounds	http://bit.ly/JTmFJJ
2006	Poll of Google users shows that they incorrectly believe search is private/not identifiable	http://bit.ly/JTmFJJ
2006	Google publicly displayed a live feed of everyone's private search terms in its lobby	http://scoble.it/8aIX37
2005	Google Earth publicly exposed aerial views of White House roof endangering its security	http://bit.ly/Jzj7kl
2004	Google chooses an "all-eggs-in-one-basket" search database design called "Big Table"	http://bit.ly/EB3J
2004	Thirty-one privacy groups oppose Gmail scanning emails to target advertising personally	http://bit.ly/NpI4HW
2004	Google desktop function exposed as big spyware risk for users compromising privacy	http://bit.ly/KRZ3BG
2002	GoogleWatch predicts: " <i>Google is a privacy time bomb/a privacy disaster waiting to happen</i> "	http://bit.ly/WiKv

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