

## GIA Web Site Privacy Statement

At GALVESTON INSURANCE ASSOCIATES (GIA), we are committed to protecting your privacy as a visitor to this Web site and as our customer. To our visitors and to our customers, we offer this pledge:

GIA is the owner of the information which is collected on this Web site. We will not sell, disseminate, disclose, trade, transmit, transfer, share, lease or rent any personally identifiable information to any third party not specifically authorized by you to receive your information except as we have disclosed to you in this Privacy Policy.

### **Information Collection**

We will ask you to provide your personal information to us when you apply for coverage and when you purchase an insurance policy from us. We will also ask you to provide your personal information to us when you send e-mail to us from this Web site. When you apply for an insurance policy at GIA, we will ask you to provide your name, home address, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address as well as other relevant information. This information will be provided to the insurance company when you purchase an insurance policy so they can establish you as a policyholder. We will maintain a record of your information at our offices so we can provide you with policyholder service. GIA employees are each required to sign and acknowledge a Confidentiality And Nondisclosure Agreement. Each employee has been instructed on maintaining the privacy of each customer and the importance of protecting the customer's personal information.

When you purchase an insurance policy from GIA, you will pay the premiums with your credit card or personal check. If you use your credit card to pay the premium, your credit card information is deleted from our records after your purchase has been authorized. We do not keep a record of your credit card information. If you pay the premium using your personal check, we will keep a copy of your check in your file.

When you send us e-mail from this Web site, you will provide us with certain personally identifiable information including your e-mail address.

### **Cookies**

A cookie is a piece of data that is stored on a visitor's hard drive while they are visiting this Web site. We may utilize a short-lived form of cookie when you visit this site. At GIA, a cookie is only used to identify one unique visitor from another visitor during a particular session. A session is the period of active site-use while that unique visitor is linked to our server. No personally identifiable information is stored on the cookie. The cookie expires and is deleted from the visitor's computer as soon as they close their browser or if they are not actively browsing our Web site for more than 20 minutes. Should a previous visitor to our Web site return for a new session, they will be issued a new cookie and in no way will they be recognized as a visitor from a previous visit or session.

### **Third Party Links**

This Web site may contain links to third party Web sites that are not controlled by GIA. These third party links are made available to you as a convenience and you agree to use these links at your own risk. Please be aware that GIA is not responsible for the content of third party Web sites linked to ours nor are we responsible for the privacy policy or practices of third party Web sites linked to ours. Our Privacy Policy only applies to information we collect from you while you are at and while you are actively in a session with GIA. If you should link to a third party Web site from our website, we strongly encourage you to review and become familiar with that Web site's privacy policy.

### **Changes In Our Privacy Policy**

We reserve the right to change this Privacy Policy without providing you with advance notice of our intent to make the changes.

If you have any questions about our privacy policy, please feel free to contact us at: (409) 740-1251 / (281) 442-1892.