



# Use of your personal information and data

The BreastScreen WA service is required to collect certain client information to ensure a quality service is delivered.

## What information is collected?

BreastScreen WA invites women aged 50 to 74 years to have a FREE screening mammogram every two years.

At your appointment, standard information is collected including the following:

- Your name, address and age.
- Information about current breast symptoms and previous breast problems.
- Information about your family history of breast cancer.
- Information about any breast prostheses or breast reductions.
- Information about any investigations or treatment you may have had for breast cancer.
- Your nominated General Practitioner's name and address.

## Use of the electoral roll and other health sources

In order to send invitations to Western Australian women aged 50 or over, BreastScreen WA has been granted permission to obtain information (names, addresses and dates of birth) from the WA State Electoral Roll and other health sources.

## How is the information used?

Your name and address details are used to inform you of your results and to send you rescreen reminder letters. Your results will also be sent to your General Practitioner.

Your other details are used to:

- Monitor the quality of services against National Accreditation Standards set by BreastScreen Australia.
- Ensure that the Program is on track in achieving its aim of reducing deaths and illness from breast cancer.
- Report on the Program's outcomes so that it is publicly accountable to women and the community.
- Plan for future needs, such as where new services and equipment are required
- Provide a detailed screening history for each woman who attends the Program anywhere in the State which can be used to help their doctor or medical specialist to provide the most appropriate care and treatment if required.
- Provide information that will assist breast cancer research.

Research projects are conducted to evaluate and improve the quality of the BreastScreen WA service, to plan for future needs and to investigate breast disease. Researchers who work with BreastScreen WA must follow strict guidelines and maintain the confidentiality of the information and the individual at all times. Women's names or identifying details are never used in reports, presentations or published statistics.

## How is the information stored and protected?

The personal details provided by you, as well as the results from your screening visits and any assessment you might have, are entered into the secure BreastScreen WA central database.

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- Security of the database is governed by WA Department of Health protocols.
- BreastScreen WA staff have a legal obligation to keep your information confidential.
- Your personal information and data is stored securely at the BreastScreen WA State Coordination Unit.
- BreastScreen WA undergoes regular data audits to ensure the quality and accuracy of data it stores.

### What happens if you choose not to provide the requested information?

BreastScreen WA respects a client's right to withhold information. However, there are some details which the Program requires for basic data entry and client results letters, and screening cannot proceed unless this information is collected.

### What if my contact details change?

If your contact details change please advise BreastScreen WA via

website: [www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)

phone: (08) 9323 6700

or email: [breastscreenwa@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:breastscreenwa@health.wa.gov.au)

### Where can I get more information?

If you would like more information about health data please visit:

[www.health.wa.gov.au/healthdata](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/healthdata)

Or phone BreastScreen WA:

(08) 9323 6700

1800 800 033 (Toll-free for country women)

National Relay Service [www.relayservice.gov.au](http://www.relayservice.gov.au)

**Women 50 years or over,  
have a FREE screening mammogram every two years.**

**Once is not enough.**

**Online bookings are available [www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)**

**Alternatively phone: 13 20 50**



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