

What is Our Privacy Policy?

Welcome to Hobiz! We deeply respect your privacy and are committed to protecting the personal information you share with us through our app, "Hobiz." This document will help you understand our privacy practices, including how we use the information you provide and what we collect about you while you use the app.

Understanding the Information We Handle

The term "information" as used in this policy refers to the data defined under the Protection of Privacy Law . 1981-א"תשנ"א "Personal information" includes any data that could reasonably be used to identify you, such as your full name, date of birth, email address, hobbies, location, and more.

Our Policy's Role

This privacy policy is an integral part of our Terms and Conditions. While the text is written in masculine form for simplicity, it equally applies to all genders. A reference in singular form also implies plural form and vice versa.

Technical Aspects and Clarity

Some parts of this policy address technical topics. We strive to explain these in a clear and straightforward manner.

Your Choices

Please read this policy carefully. If you find that it doesn't align with your views or needs, remember you have the right to opt out of using the app and to withhold your information from us.

Updates to the Policy

We reserve the right to update the terms and the privacy policy at any time, based on our sole discretion and without prior notice, other than by posting the updated version in the app and on our website. You can always find the current version of our regulations and privacy policy at [Hobiz Legal Page](#).

Reporting Privacy Concerns

If you believe your privacy has been breached while using our app, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can contact us through the "Contact Us" page in the app or by filling out the online form available at www.hobizapp.com.

Providing Your Details and Personal Information

Registration Requirements: Using our app requires registration. During registration, you will need to provide certain details such as your full name, email address, date of birth, location, and other

information as needed from time to time. Additional data may also be required for carrying out various actions within the app.

Mandatory Fields: Fields that must be filled will be clearly marked. Without providing the required information in these fields, you won't be able to complete registration in the relevant areas of the app. You are expected to provide accurate information at the time of registration as outlined in Section 3 of the Terms and Conditions. The personal information and other details you provide, as well as additional details about your use of the app (as detailed later in this policy), will be stored by the company.

Voluntary Disclosure: You are not legally obligated to provide your personal information. Providing it is based on your consent and willingness. However, providing incorrect details or failing to provide all required details may prevent you from completing registration, affect the quality of service provided to you, and hinder our ability to contact you when necessary.

Additional Information Collection: We may collect more information when you contact us or interact with the company, such as when you submit requests or inquiries.

Sharing Third Party Personal Information: If you provide personal information about someone else, such as during a referral or group activity, you confirm that you have obtained their explicit consent to share their information with us for use in accordance with this policy.

Visibility and User Information

What's Visible: Please be aware that some of the information you provide, such as your full name, nickname, and hobbies list, will be visible to other users. However, most of your personal details can be hidden by navigating to Settings -> Privacy Settings in the app.

Email Visibility: Your email address is hidden from other users by default. If you choose, you can make it visible by adjusting your settings in Settings -> Privacy Settings.

Permanent Privacy: Your address and phone number will never be visible to others, and this setting cannot be changed.

User Accounts and Access to Services

Account Creation: When you install the Hobiz app on your mobile device, an account linked to your device will be created. Following installation, Hobiz will collect and use your information, including a database as detailed below, in accordance with this policy. This may involve linking your information to your account, whether or not you create a username and password.

Functionality Linked to Your Information: The link helps Hobiz identify relevant events, groups, and hobbies for you. Hobiz may allow you to use the app without setting up a username; however, you should be aware of the implications of this choice:

- **Account Linking:** Hobiz will still associate your information with the account identifier created for you and a unique identifier assigned by Hobiz according to this policy.
- **Visibility Restrictions:** Apart from the details mentioned in the "Visibility" section above, your account and the information linked to it will only be visible to Hobiz.
- **Limited App Features:** If you do not set up a unique username, some app features may not be available to you, such as joining groups and events or communicating with other users.

Choosing to Set Up a Username and Password: If you decide to set up a username and password:

- **Comprehensive Linking:** Hobiz will link all your information to your account and username, including data from any other device you use to log into the app.
- **Visibility During Use:** When using the app, your relative location and other specified details will be visible to other users (as mentioned in the "Visibility" section) and associated with your defined username.
- **Privacy Beyond Visibility:** Apart from the details listed in the "Visibility" section, your account and the information linked to it will only be visible to Hobiz.
- **Additional Identification:** Occasionally, Hobiz may require further identification for access to specific services or parts of the app.

Responsibility for Account Details: Your login details are your responsibility. You are responsible for any use or misuse of your account and information from sharing your details with someone else. You must keep your login details strictly confidential and avoid disclosing them to others. Ensure you change your password frequently, at least every six months.

Information Collected During App Use

Directly Provided Information: When you register or join services within the Hobiz app, you provide us with direct information. This includes details submitted during the registration process or when you participate in any transaction services.

Automatically Collected Information: As you use Hobiz, we collect data related to your activities and preferences. This includes:

- Your hobbies and the other users you interact with or confirm as connections.
- Messages in private chats and group discussions.
- Groups you've joined and content or images you've uploaded or posted.
- Pages you viewed, services you were interested in, and the overall usage pattern within the app.
- Your device location, IP address, operating system, device type, and browser type.
- Information about the ads you showed interest in and your activity history such as searches conducted, complaints made, payments processed or canceled, and logins to the app.

Location Data: With your separate consent, we may collect and use location data from your device, including GPS coordinates and cellular network data.

Third-Party Information: We may receive information about you from other users, for example, if they organize an event you register for.

Payment Events: If you use our app to host paid events, we collect transaction-related information such as merchant details, bank account information, transaction dates, and amounts, as well as information about your customers from their payment methods.

Use of Third-Party Services: We may collaborate with third-party services to collect and analyze aggregated or anonymized information related to your app usage, enhancing our understanding of user activity.

Social Networks and Personal Information Sharing: Hobiz provides tools for sharing and linking content from our app via various online services and social networks. Please be aware that the use of such networks and services is external to the app and subject to their respective privacy policies. This policy does not apply to third-party network activities or any third-party operated online services.

Publicly Submitted Content: Content that you submit for publication through the Hobiz app may include personal information. Please be advised that this content is not private or confidential, and you should not expect any privacy regarding such submissions. Exercise caution and discretion when disclosing personal information that could identify you or others.

Use of Information

Purpose of Using Your Information: At Hobiz, the personal details you provide and the information we collect as you use our app are used responsibly and according to the directives outlined in this policy or as mandated by law:

- **App Functionality:** To enable you to use the app and its included content and services effectively.
- **User Identification:** To recognize you during repeat visits to secured areas of the app, saving you the hassle of re-entering your information each time.
- **Service and Content Enhancement:** To improve and enrich the services and content offered within the app. This includes developing new services and content tailored to user needs and expectations and modifying or discontinuing existing offerings. The information used for these purposes is primarily statistical and does not personally identify you.
- **Personalization:** To allow you to customize the app services according to your preferences.
- **Communications:** To send you periodic updates about the app's services, content, activities related to the app and the company, surveys, newsletters, etc. This information might be promotional and could be sent via SMS, email, or other electronic methods as detailed in the regulations.

- **Direct Contact:** To contact you when we believe it is necessary.
- **Analysis and Reporting:** For analysis, control, and to provide statistical information to third parties. This information will not personally identify you.
- **Operational Efficiency:** To ensure the proper operation and development of the app.
- **Compliance and Assistance:** To enforce the terms of use as per the Terms and Conditions, to comply with legal requirements, regulations, or any other legislation, and to assist law enforcement and third parties when we believe it is necessary.
- **Other Purposes:** For any other purpose specified in this Privacy Policy or in the regulations.

Disclosure of Information to Third Parties

Hobiz is committed to protecting your personal information. We do not share your personal details or information collected about your activities on the app with third parties, except in the following circumstances:

- **Service Provision:** When necessary for the proper provision of app services.
- **Legal Obligations:** If you violate the app's terms of use, or if you engage in or attempt to engage in any actions through the app that are deemed unlawful.
- **Legal Requests:** If a judicial order or a demand from a competent authority requires us to disclose your details or information to a third party.
- **Disputes and Legal Proceedings:** In any disputes, claims, demands, or legal proceedings between you and the company, or on its behalf.
- **Preventing Harm:** If the company believes that disclosing information is necessary to prevent serious harm to your person or property, or to that of a third party.
- **Affiliated Companies:** We may share your details and the information collected through your use of the app with our affiliate companies or organizations, provided they use this information strictly in accordance with this policy.
- **Anonymous and Aggregate Information:** For sharing and transferring anonymized, aggregated, and statistical information with other companies or organizations associated with us, as well as with suppliers, business partners, advertisers, and any third party at the company's sole discretion. We will not knowingly disclose your identity to them without your consent.
- **Corporate Restructuring:** If the company reorganizes its activities or the app's operations into a different framework, or if there is a change in the company's legal structure, including transferring the app's activity or any part of it to a third party, we may transfer a copy of the information stored about you to the new entity, provided that this entity agrees to treat your information in accordance with this policy.
- **At Your Request:** Upon your explicit request.

Where Is the Information Stored?

The information collected by Hobiz is stored in our databases, which are hosted and backed up by server hosting and data backup providers, and on company computers that may also be located outside of Israel. Additional information as detailed in this policy may be collected and stored by other companies, such as statistical firms, which may also store the information outside of the country. Your consent to this policy constitutes consent to the storage of information abroad and its transfer outside the borders of Israel.

Cookies and Tracking Technologies

What Are Cookies? Hobiz uses "cookies," which are small text files created by your browser at our application's command. These cookies enable the smooth and efficient operation of our app, including:

- **Data Collection:** Gathering statistical data about how you use the app.
- **Verification and Preferences:** Authenticating user details and customizing the app to your personal preferences.
- **Security:** Enhancing the security of your information within the app.

Cookies are stored temporarily or permanently on your device's hard drive. The information they contain can include the pages you visited, how long you stayed in the app, your navigational path through the app, and more.

Third-Party Cookies: We also use third-party cookies from services like Google Analytics and social networks like Facebook. These cookies help in:

- **Advertising:** Displaying advertisements based on your activities across the internet and various other platforms you have visited, using a method known as retargeting.
- **Social Interactions:** Integrating content from Facebook within the app, marking content you liked, and recommending other content that might interest you.

Information Security

Importance of Security: At Hobiz, securing your information is a top priority. We employ various systems, applications, and procedures designed to protect your information against theft, damage, loss, or unauthorized access. Our data retention complies with accepted standards and applicable laws.

Limitations: However, no security measures can guarantee absolute protection. Thus, while we strive to protect your personal information, we cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us. By using our app, you acknowledge and agree to these limitations.

Privacy Protections Abroad: The protection of your privacy and the powers of various authorities regarding access to your information may differ abroad from those in Israel. By agreeing to this policy, you consent to the storage and transfer of your information outside Israel.

Use of Non-Identifying Statistical Information

In the digital age, many services rely on the use of statistical data for various purposes. These include generating business insights, securing information, optimizing organizational efforts, and fostering development and innovation. Statistical data, which does not personally identify you, is not subject to privacy laws. Hobiz may collect, disclose, and share such non-identifying information for business and administrative purposes without intentionally revealing your identity.

How Long Do We Keep Your Information?

Hobiz retains information as needed and at our discretion, in compliance with applicable laws. Changes to this policy may occur due to legal, technological, or business developments. Significant updates to our policy will be communicated through the communication channels you provided during registration. Continuing to use the app after such updates implies your consent to the changes. If you disagree with the updates, you may opt to unregister from the app.

Your Right to Access Information

Under the Protection of Privacy Law, 1981-א"ת every individual is entitled to access information about themselves held in a database, either personally, through a legally authorized representative, or by a guardian. If you find that the information is incorrect, incomplete, unclear, or outdated, you may request the database owner to amend or delete the information. If the database owner refuses, they must inform the requester in the manner specified by the regulations. Should the database owner refuse to allow access or to amend or delete information, you may appeal in accordance with the regulations.

Please note, deleting information might prevent you from continuing to receive services from the app and may result in the cancellation of your registration. Information required by the company, including documentation of actions you performed within the app, will continue to be retained by law but will no longer be used for contacting you. If you do not receive confirmation within 30 days that the requested information has been deleted, you are entitled to seek legal remedy in court as established by the regulations under the Protection of Privacy Law.

Account Deactivation and Deletion

How to Deactivate Your Account: Deactivating your Hobiz account is straightforward. Simply navigate to the app menu, select "Settings," then "Account Settings," and finally "Deactivate Account." Your account will then be deactivated.

Reactivating Your Account: To reactivate your account, log in as usual through the app, and your account will automatically be reactivated.

Consequences of Deactivating Your Account: While your account is deactivated, you will not be able to interact within the app. Other users will not be able to send you messages or bonding offers,

and you will be unable to register for events. Please note that any event registrations made prior to deactivating your account will be canceled. Additionally, if you reactivate your account in the future, some data, such as activity history, bonds, and messages, may be deleted.

Who Cannot Deactivate Their Account: If you have hosted a paid event and a registrant has made a payment via credit card, you will not be able to deactivate your account. To proceed with deactivation, you must contact the company.

How to Delete Your Account: Deleting your account can also be done through a few simple steps. Go to the app menu, select "Help," then "Contact Us," and finally choose "Account Deletion" and "Delete." Fill out the request form, and within 14 days, your account will be permanently deleted.

Consequences of Deleting Your Account: Once deleted, you will not be able to log into the account. Furthermore, you will no longer be able to interact within the app, receive messages, or register for events. Any event registrations made prior to deleting your account will be canceled. If you decide to re-register for the Hobiz app in the future, your entire activity history in the app will be erased.

Who Cannot Delete Their Account: If you have hosted a paid event and a payment has been made by a registrant via credit card, your account will not be deleted until all payments between the parties have been settled.

Scope of This Policy: This policy applies solely to your use of the app. The company is not responsible for communication between you and other users, event management, or any activities that do not take place within the framework of the app itself. You should be aware that any information you provide directly or indirectly to another user or as part of an event outside the app does not fall under this policy. We advise you to exercise discretion accordingly.