

# Privacy Policy

## Predicting Risks and Outcomes of Social InTeractions (PROSIT)

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### Introduction:

The PROSIT Lab at Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre ("us", "we", or "our") operates the PROSIT mobile application (the "App").

This document informs you of our policies regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal data when you use our App and the choices you have associated with that data.

We use your data to conduct research and improve the App. By using the App, you agree to the collection and use of information in accordance with this policy.

## **Information Collection and Use:**

We collect several different types of information for various purposes to provide and improve our App to you.

We make a significant effort to protect your identity. Easily identifiable information such as names will not be collected and each study participant will receive a de-identified ID. Personally identifiable information may include, but is not limited to:

Data generated by the sensors and interactions on your device Usage Data

When you access the App by or through a mobile device, we may collect certain information automatically, including, but not limited to, the type of mobile device you use, your mobile device unique ID, the IP address of your mobile device, your mobile operating system, unique device identifiers and other diagnostic data ("Usage Data").

## **Device Generated Data:**

When using the App to its full capabilities, we will collect several types of data from your device in the background. The App can only collect data that is already measured and logged by the device. The App does not change or extend the functional capabilities of your device. The types of data generated by the sensors and interaction on your device collected by the App include, but is not limited to, the following:

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Geolocation. The App will collect the location data from your device.

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Brightness: The App will collect information on the light intensity from your device.

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Device Usage Patterns. We will also collect other aspects of mobile device usage depending on what your device collects. Including but not limited to applications used, application usage time, notifications, pick-ups, and motion-sensing data. We will collect the frequency and duration of each application used, as well as the total time that your screen is on.

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Speech samples. The App includes an active speech sample. We will ask you to record your speech for 90 seconds. You will be able to listen to your recording before uploading it to our servers. Only during these 90 seconds, we will record your speech. We will not record your speech during your calls or any other time point.

The PROSIT Lab uses the collected data for various purposes:

- To provide and maintain the App
- To allow you to participate in interactive features of our App when you choose to do so
- To provide customer care and support
- To provide analysis or valuable information so that we can improve the App
- To monitor the usage of the App
- To detect, prevent and address technical issues
- To ultimately improve mental health care

### **Collection of Data:**

When you install the App and register, by default data is collected and stored only on your device. Transfer of data will only occur as long as you are part of a participating study associated with the App and have completed informed consent.

**Transfer of Data:**

Your information will not be transferred outside of your country.

PROSIT will take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that your data is treated securely and in accordance with this Privacy Policy and no transfer of your Personal Data will take place.

**Disclosure of Data:**

Access to the raw data is limited to specific persons at Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre. Data collected from you while participating in our studies may eventually be shared with other researchers for scientific purposes only; however, this data will not contain identifying information that would allow others to easily associate the data with you. If a researcher needs access to any identity data they must first obtain ethics approval from their institution as well as meeting stringent requirements. When the results of this research are published or presented in any public forum, absolutely no information will be included that might reveal your identity.

**Security of Data:**

The security of your data is important to us, but remember that no method of transmission over the Internet, or method of electronic storage is 100% secure. All data collected by the App is governed by a University Institutional Review Board (research ethics committee) who have responsibility for oversight of the ethical management of your data.

**Removal of Data:**

If you at any time wish to remove your Personal Data collected through the use of the App, we can facilitate the removal of said data from our servers if contacted directly.

**Changes to this Privacy Policy:**

We may update our Privacy Policy from time to time. We will notify you of any changes by posting the new Privacy Policy on this page.

We will let you know via email and/or a prominent notice on our App, prior to the change becoming effective and update the "effective date" at the top of this Privacy Policy.

You are advised to review this Privacy Policy periodically for any changes. Changes to this Privacy Policy are effective when they are posted on this page.

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