



## **CHILDREN’S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION POLICY (COPPA)**

**Effective December 2022**

It is the policy of WESLA Federal Credit Union to comply with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA) a United States federal law, located at 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501–6506 (Pub.L. 105–277, 112 Stat. 2581- 728, enacted October 21, 1998). State Employees Children’s Online Privacy Protection Policy is intended to protect our youngest members who are under 13 years of age. WESLA Federal Credit Union does not offer any financial or educational products online geared directly towards children, however; WESLA Federal Credit Union recognizes its responsibility to protect the privacy of its youngest members. We do not knowingly solicit or collect personal information from children and we do not knowingly market to children online without parental or guardian consent or notification.

WESLA Federal Credit Union may collect information on domain names, dates and times of visits, and number of page views. This information contains no personal information. It will be used to keep track of usage of our site, and it will help us to continue to improve the overall value of the site. Visitor information is never sold, given, or discussed with third parties.

Any correspondence and online information received from a child will be used solely to respond directly to the child’s request. For those parent(s) of a child whom has sent emails to WESLA Federal Credit Union regarding items posted to our website, they will have the right to review the information their child sent to us.

WESLA Federal Credit Union is committed to protecting our youngest members. If you believe your child has provided personally identifiable information to WESLA Federal Credit Union online and you wish to review and delete such information, please contact us at 318-687-8700 or at [support@wesla.org](mailto:support@wesla.org).

### **Why Do We Collect Information?**

Occasionally, we may collect personally-identifiable information from children for the purpose of contest notification. We recognize that protecting children’s identities and online privacy is important and that responsibility rests with us and with parents. We do not collect any more information than is reasonably necessary for a child to participate in an activity. The personally-identifiable information we collect will not be not shared or sold to third parties for any reason.

## **When and What Information Do We Collect?**

The information is collected directly from the child and may include name, e-mail address, home address, telephone number, hobbies, or opinions. Our website does not permit a child to make his/her personal information publicly available.

## **Notice to Parents**

In addition to the posting of this Policy, we make reasonable efforts to provide “direct notice” to parents about our practices with regard to the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information about their children. To do so, we collect parents’ online contact information from the child and the name of the child and of the parent in order to obtain a parent’s consent. We obtain verifiable parental consent before any further collection or use of personal information from children. If we make a material change to our practices that a parent has previously consented to, we make reasonable efforts to provide “direct notice” to the parent and we obtain verifiable parental consent to the change.

## **Online Safety Basics**

Here are some basics to keep in mind when your children are online:

- Use the parental controls available on the commercial online services. These services screen public content and provide online hosts to monitor chat rooms. Check into filtering software to screen out adult sites on the Web.
- Consider placing the computer in a “family room” in your home and make use of the Internet a family activity. Check the screen periodically and let your children know that you are interested in what they are learning online.
- Ask your children where they go online, and have them show you. If your children are more familiar with the Internet than you are, let them teach you about it, you will both enjoy the lesson!
- Monitor online time. Be aware of excessive hours on the Internet.
- Make sure your children are aware of online rules. They should know never to give out their real name, address, and/or telephone number, or agree to meet with someone person to person. Advise your children that some people on the Internet conceal their real age and identity. Create a list of online rules and post them by the computer.
- Monitor your telephone bill. Adult Bulletin Board Systems are easy to access by any communications software. Check out any unfamiliar numbers on your bill.
- Support and encourage your child’s use of the Internet, and participate in new learning experiences. Acquaint yourself with their online pals and e-mail habits. Be aware of correspondence with strangers.