

## §644. Exceptions

**1. Consent of owner or user.** When disclosure of electronic device content information is not prohibited by federal law, a government entity may obtain the information without a warrant with the informed, affirmative consent of the owner or user of the electronic device concerned, except when the device is known or believed by the owner or user to be in the possession of a 3rd party authorized to possess the device by the owner or user.

[PL 2023, c. 499, §10 (AMD).]

**2. Consent of owner or user not required if content information public.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a government entity may obtain content information without a warrant if the content information is otherwise disclosed by anyone in a publicly accessible domain, including, but not limited to, on the Internet.

[PL 2013, c. 402, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Emergency.** When a government entity cannot, with due diligence, obtain a warrant in time to address an emergency that involves or is believed to involve imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to any person, a government entity may obtain the content information from an electronic device without a warrant, and a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service may disclose such information to the requesting government entity without a warrant.

[PL 2023, c. 499, §11 (AMD).]

**REVISOR'S NOTE:** §644. Exceptions to warrant requirement (As enacted by PL 2013, c. 409, § 1 is REALLOCATED TO TITLE 16, SECTION 650)

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