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**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

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All of the information in an individual's licensure file, except the Social Security Number, is a public record under Ohio's broad public records law. Therefore, the Board must release the information to anyone who submits a public records request. Unfortunately, part of the requirement to hold an Ohio license is to provide current mailing and employment addresses, and current home and employment phone numbers. If a licensee fails to provide that information, the Board will not issue or renew a license. Although we share licensees' concerns about phone numbers being released to any party requesting a listing of information, the Board is unable to remove addresses or phone numbers from our licensure database.

The Board recommends that licensees contact their State Senator and Representative and ask the legislature to change the public records laws. A change in Ohio's public records law would be the only way the Board could legally not release your address or phone number to a public records requestor. The Board also suggests that licensees register their phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry (<https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>).