

FOIA Requests for LEADS Data

Under the Illinois Administrative Code, LEADS information is exempt from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. If your agency receives a FOIA request for information generated exclusively from LEADS, your agency must deny the request, citing the exemption found in 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a) and refer to the Illinois Administrative Code, Title 20, Chapter II, Part 1240. Disclosing a LEADS document in response to a FOIA request could threaten an agency's access to LEADS (Illinois Administrative Code, Title 20, Chapter II, Part 1240.110).

Additionally, if your agency is turning over case reports, agency files, etc. as part of a FOIA request, all LEADS printouts and information directly from LEADS must be removed and/or fully redacted prior to release.