Privacy Policy for the ChurchTools Website

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Data protection is a matter of honor for us. That is why we take the protection of your personal data very seriously. Below, we would like to inform you about what personal data is processed when you use the ChurchTools website and how we handle this data.

1.0 YouTube API Client

YouTube videos can be embedded on the ChurchTools website via an API client.

YouTube is a service provided by Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland. The parent company, Google LLC, is located in the United States at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA. Both companies are collectively referred to as "Google" below. For more information about Google as the provider of YouTube, please visit: youtube.com/t/impressum

What data is processed:

When you visit a page with an embedded YouTube video, a connection is established with YouTube's servers. In the process, YouTube may receive information such as your IP address, the date and time of your visit, and technical device and browser information. We use privacy-friendly embedding via the domain youtube-nocookie.com; to the best of our knowledge, this does not set any cookies as long as you do not actively play the video.

As soon as you start a video, a livestream, or a playlist, YouTube may collect additional data and set cookies or similar technologies on your device, for example, for playback, to detect abuse, or to personalize the player.

In doing so, Google may, under certain circumstances, collect various information about you (including personal data), analyze it (e.g., to create user profiles), and use it for its own purposes (e.g., for advertising, market research, or the design of Google services). This information may include, for example, the following data: IP address, metadata, user ID, video player settings, connected devices, interactions with the service, and the Google Account used. It cannot be ruled out that Google may also transfer this information to servers or recipients in a third country (countries outside the EU/EEA, such as the U.S.).

This occurs regardless of whether YouTube provides a user account through which you are logged in or whether no user account exists. If you click on the embedded video and are subsequently redirected directly to YouTube, your user behavior there may be tracked in accordance with Google's policies and terms of service.

Additionally, once the video is played, it may be linked to your YouTube user account if you are logged in there or to Google. If you do not wish this to happen, you must log out before using the video.

Please note that Google's data processing is beyond our control and that Google's applicable privacy policies must be observed: policies.google.com/privacy. Data transfers to a third country are permitted under the conditions set forth in Art. 44 et seq. of the GDPR. Google bases data transfers to a third country in particular on the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework and, where applicable, on the Standard Contractual Clauses. Further information on the legal framework for transfers to third countries can be found here: policies.google.com/privacy/frameworks?hl=de.

Use of YouTube API Services

The ChurchTools website uses YouTube API Services exclusively to provide and display YouTube content (videos, live streams, or playlists) selected by the website operator within the website.

ChurchTools itself does not analyze the information provided via the YouTube API for its own purposes and does not create user profiles. ChurchTools does not disclose personal data to third parties. To the extent that data is transmitted to Google or YouTube, this occurs exclusively within the context of using the YouTube API Services.

Disclosure:

The data collected in connection with the YouTube integration is processed by YouTube or Google. We do not disclose this data to third parties other than YouTube or Google. As mentioned above, please refer to Google's Privacy Policy for details on how Google/YouTube processes this data: policies.google.com/privacy.

Contact:

If you have any questions about this privacy policy or the processing of your data in connection with the embedded YouTube content, please contact: datenschutz@churchtools.de.