

How To Find Official E-Government Resources

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Searching capabilities allow for expertise in finding official government resources through a popular web search engine such as Google that does the web crawling to provide up-to-date data, in addition to saving, indexing and allowing users to search more efficiently.

More importantly, looking for legitimate government resources helps to identify if the source of information retrieval is an accurate, reliable and credible website. Recognizing government sites on the internet refer to the domain extension such as “.gov” which is short for government. Moreover, these sites contain United States constructs of the

highest rank government organizations - [USA Fed Gov Agencies](#).

United States Government Information

Since 1813, the Library of Congress founded the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to make government information available to the American public. The FDLP aim to provide a means of entry by helping the public to obtain information sites free of charge - [Federal Depository Library Program](#).

Another link that proves useful is - [Discover Govt Information](#). This web page furnishes a go-to manual for authoritative rules of the government. The United States Government Manual provides official government information about federal agencies, executive, judicial, legislative branches. The guidebook also contains information on federal and international organizations that the United States collaborates with, including programs, activities, boards, commissions and committees.

It is a one-stop resource that has the reprints of the Declaration of Independence and equally important, the U.S. Constitution. A comprehensive list is also available of officials spearheading significant operating units and a synopsis of each agency's function within the Federal Government. Anyone interested in getting contact help should refer to the reference book for addresses, telephone numbers, websites, publications and downloadable PDF copies of the U.S. Government Manual. Annual editions are available from 1995 to 1996 through the present.

Open Access

Open access to government documents ensures availability of resources from federal agencies, charts, Congress, judicial, legislation, and statistical datasets to determine the value or relevant materials pertaining to any given subject matter. Understanding the law of the land and producing relevant documentation, whether in digital or print, will meet the needs of a user seeking invaluable information. For example, obtaining data from a trusted, reliable administration shows how powerful these websites are in terms of vital materials. Researching a particular topic such as crimes against children is of concern to parents, law-abiding citizens and law enforcement. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) offers a broad spectrum

of e-government data within the digital ecosystem to help with this research.

The United States Department of Justice on violent crimes against children/online is worth exploring - follow both links for elements of the larger object: [Citizens Guide to U.S. Fed Law on Child Pornography and Crimes Against Children](#). These websites refer to the factual account of government cases and information of crimes committed against minors during the Internet age and access to the process of our judicial system as published by the government agencies, branches and more. The Department of Justice coupled with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) strive to protect our children from online predators. The FBI's mission statement is to safeguard children from falling prey to many threats, including but not limited to abuse and sexual exploitation.

This is a go-to resource which merits further exploration. The Bureau's main concerns are to abolish these violent crimes against children such as abductions, exploitation, offenses against children, trafficking of child pornography and more. There are programs and resources that provide an effective response to matters relating to crimes against children.

National Archives & Records Administration - Archives Library Information Center (ALIC)

The most impressive form of data transmission which houses substantial links of government documents in the National archives can be found here - [Archives Library Information Center](#).

Key Findings - National Archives furnishes links for ease of availability of government publications:

[Budget of the U.S. Government](#) - Issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Contains documents about the budget for any given fiscal year
Finding aids from other resources - [Hot Docs: Government Documents in the News](#) (Columbia University Libraries Document Service Center) include links to full text documents

[Office of the Clerk](#) - comprehensive listing that include names, contact information, etc.
[U.S. Secret Service History](#) - Official website of the Department of Homeland Security
The specifics of e-government free web portals demonstrate user-friendly approach to finding information quick and efficiently.
Here are some top-level websites:

- [USA.gov](#) - The U.S. official government website
- [FDsys: Federal Digital System](#) - (Government Printing Office formerly GPO) Access supplies online federal government particulars
- [The Federal Register](#) - Provides government agency rules, proposed rules and public notices
- [Library of Congress](#) - Great source for government documents
- [The U.S. Census Bureau](#) - Facts concerning the nation's community and economy

Recognizing the authority of governmental sites is easy when the issues surrounding the information are essentially straightforward. However, there are countless numbers of applicable links pertaining to research findings and validity. The next time you are collecting data, remember to check the

authenticity of the site to maximize the trustworthiness and integrity of your facts. To produce accurate information about e-government archival collection for referencing documents available to the public, research from sites such as the [Library of Congress](#) to achieve desired results. The hyperlink directs you to the Internet Crimes Against Children: An Annotated Bibliography of Major Studies.

Under the category of Open Access, I included direct links from two agencies that have alarming cases about these crimes. This site contains extensive and exceptional amounts of information for your perusal.

In summary, please take note of these key pointers for a successful outcome the next time you are searching for e-government authority.



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