

Missouri Sunshine Law Exceptions for Meetings & Documents (RSMo ¶ 610.021)

Any material used in a public record or meeting that relates to any of the following is considered an exception to the Sunshine Laws:

1. **Legal actions** involving “any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representative and its attorneys.”
2. **Real estate transactions** “where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor.”
3. **“Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting** of particular employees... when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.”
4. **“The state militia or national guard** or any part thereof.”
5. **Mental or physical health** proceedings “involving identifiable persons...”
6. **Scholastic discipline or graduation** “of identifiable individuals, including records of individual test or examination scores.”
7. **“Testing or examination materials,** before the test or examination is given.”
8. **“Welfare cases** of identifiable individuals.”
9. **Negotiation preparation,** “including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body... with employee groups.”
10. **“Software codes** for electronic data processing and documentation thereof.”
11. **Competitive bidding specifications,** “until either the specifications are officially approved... or published for bid.”
12. **“Sealed bids and related documents,** until the bids are opened; and **sealed proposals...** or any documents related to a **negotiated contract** until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected.”
13. **Personnel records,** “except that this exemption shall **not** apply to the names, positions, salaries and lengths of service of officers and employees of public agencies once they are employed as such, and the names of private sources donating or contributing money to the salary of a chancellor or president at all public colleges and universities... and the amount of money contributed by the source.”
14. **“Records which are protected** from disclosure by law.”
15. **Scientific or technological** innovations “in which the owner has a proprietary interest.”
16. **Abuse hotlines** or hotlines for reporting wrongdoing.
17. **Auditor work product** or the auditor’s “confidential or privileged communications...”

18. **Public safety or law enforcement** plans “for use in responding to or preventing any critical incident which is or appears to be terrorist in nature...” Financial information related to these plans shall be open.
19. **Security system and structural plans** “the public disclosure of which would threaten public safety.”
20. **Access or authorization codes** for security systems.
21. **Computer operations** which “would allow unauthorized access to or unlawful disruption of a computer”.
22. **Credit card numbers or PINs**, or other “codes that are used to protect the security of electronic transactions...”
23. **Licensing of intellectual property** or research proposals to a “public institution of higher education... which may endanger the competitiveness of a business.”