

Retention Periods of Major Cellular Service Providers

Data gathered by the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, U.S. Department of Justice

	Verizon	T-Mobile	AT&T/Cingular	Sprint	Nextel	Virgin Mobile ¹
Subscriber	Post-paid: 3-5	5.years	Depends on length of	Unlimited 3.42	Unlimited	Unlimited
Information	γears*		service			
Call detail	1 rolling year	Pre pald: 2 years	Pre-pald; varies	18-24 months	18-24 months	2 years
records		- Post-pald: 5 years:	Post-paid: 5-7 years			1,0
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Cell towers	1 rolling year	-Officialty 4-6	From July 2008	18-24 months:	18-24 months	Not retained
used by phone		months, really a vear or more.			•.	obtain through Sprint
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Text message	1 rolling year	Pre-pald:2 years Post-pald:5 years	Post pald: 5-7 years	.18 months (depends on 3	18 months (depends on	60-90 days
detail		Tostepalu Dyears		device)	device)	
Taut macraca	3-5 days	Not retained:	Not retained	Not retained	Not retained	90 days (search
Text message content	3-5 days		110C1CMINCO		11411014111144	warrant required
CDIIICIII.	•	《新聞》的表面表			• •	with "text of text"
-						request)
Pictures	Only if uploaded to website	Can be stored online and are.	Not retained	Contact provider	Contact provider	Not retained
	(customer can	retained until			Provider	
	add or delete	deleted of service				
	pictures any time)	is canceled		。 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)		
IP session	1 rolling year	Not retained	Only retained on non-	60 days	60 days	Not retained
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		TO SHOW THE	retained.			
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IP destination information	90 days	Mot (Grainen)	Only retained on non-public IPs for 72	Application in the same	po days	Monderanien
впоппацон			hours. If public IP, not		•	
			retained.			
Bill copies	3-5 years, but	Not retained	5-7 years	7 years	7 years	n/a [‡]
(post-paid only)	only last 12		D 1 10012			
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	available	444-62-3				19.
Payment history	3-5 years, check	5 years	Depends on length of	_Unlimited2	Unlimited	n/a [‡]
(post-paid only)	coples for 6		service			
	months*		•		• '	
Store	Typically 30 days	2 weeks	Depends, Most stores	Depends'	Depends	n/a
Surveillance	· · ·		carry for 1-2 months		-	
Videos	•					
Service	Post-paid: 3-5	Not retained:	Not retained	Depends	Depends	. Not retained
Applications	years*		•		*	A STANTON

^{*} May vary by former company

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^{**} For records older than mid-Nov. 2007, Sprint can only provide bill reprints with outgoing info

^{*} No bill copies, but list of credit card transactions does not expire

Virgin Mobile is now owned by Sprint. Since companies have separate compliance offices, for now they are listed separately.