

Search for legal rights associated with archive documents

WARNING

You are reminded that disclosure of documents consulted in the reading room to the outside world (publications, exhibitions, etc.) may render the reader responsible.

Legislation protecting the privacy of people or literary and artistic property is applicable to documents kept in the archive services.

It is recommended that you are vigilant in regard to legal rights which may apply to the archives and especially to certain types of document:

- private, literary, artistic and scientific archives
- private correspondence
- texts of speeches
- addresses
- conferences
- courses
- graphic, photographic, audiovisual works and intellectual works in general
- maps and sketches relating to geography, topography, architecture or the sciences
- brochures and other written works.

To disclose or use them, it is necessary to obtain prior agreement from those people who have moral or heritage rights over these documents by law.

On-line posting of documents concerning people on a website and processing authorised by the CNIL

It is essential to ensure that data concerning racial or ethnic origin, political, philosophical or religious opinions, union memberships, health, sex life, infractions sentences and detention orders are not put on-line.

Population censuses dating back more than 75 years

Indexing of data relating to people born less than 120 years ago (name, first names, date and place of birth, place of residence) will not be accessible on-line and this data will be blurred in the on-line images.

1851 population census

The data relating to people's health and religion will not be indexed and blurred in the images put on-line.

Death certificates dating back more than 75 complete years, birth certificates dating back more than 120 complete years and marriage certificates dating back more than 104 complete years

Notes in the margins will be blurred in the images put on-line.