

National State Law Survey: Internet Laws

Does state law permit law enforcement to use the Internet or electronic communications to investigate buyers and traffickers? ¹			
Alabama	Yes	Pennsylvania	Yes
Alaska	Yes	Rhode Island	Yes
Arizona	Yes	South Carolina	No
Arkansas	Yes	South Dakota	Yes
California	Yes	Tennessee	Yes
Colorado	Yes	Texas	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	Utah	Yes
Delaware	Yes	Vermont	Yes
DC	No	Virginia	Yes
Florida	Yes	Washington	Yes
Georgia	Yes	West Virginia	Yes
Hawaii	Yes	Wisconsin	Yes*
Idaho	Yes	Wyoming	No
Illinois	Yes	Totals	Yes = 45; No = 5 & DC
Indiana	Yes		
Iowa	Yes		
Kansas	Yes		
Kentucky	Yes		
Louisiana	Yes		
Maine	No		
Maryland	Yes		
Massachusetts	No		
Michigan	Yes		
Minnesota	Yes		
Mississippi	Yes		
Missouri	Yes		
Montana	Yes		
Nebraska	Yes		
Nevada	Yes		
New Hampshire	Yes		
New Jersey	Yes		
New Mexico	Yes		
New York	No		
North Carolina	Yes		
North Dakota	Yes		
Ohio	Yes		
Oklahoma	Yes		
Oregon	Yes		

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2017. For related policy goals, background information, and select statute highlights, please visit http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue_Briefs/Issue_Briefs_6.5.pdf. Responses with an asterisk (*) indicate that the response is based on caselaw.