

## Be Cautious: DeepSeek AI Raises Security Concerns, Some Typical, Some Unique

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DeepSeek is a popular Chinese artificial intelligence program that has attracted attention from all over the world. Some reasons for that include questions and concerns about the data it collects.

DeepSeek records users' names and other identifying markers, contact information, Internet history, the types of devices used to access it, text inputs, audio recordings, and files that users have uploaded. As with any AI program, this data helps the platform provide improved, customized services.

But experts say that *where* it stores this data is problematic. [According to NPR](#), the data is on servers in China. This raises concerns (beyond the environmental ones [recently reported in the Acta Diurna](#)) because Chinese law requires companies to share data with the government if requested. Storing data on Chinese servers could lead to privacy and security risks for individual users, or potentially, the whole US government. Critics say Chinese-developed platforms like TikTok give the Chinese government easy access to Americans' and other peoples' data. Experts fear that data could be used for purposes outside what users reasonably expect, including spying on users through their computer cameras or phones.

Governments and organizations around the world have expressed concerns about DeepSeek's data collection. The US government has advised employees to avoid it, and there have even been discussions of banning the program. People should consider all these factors when deciding whether to use DeepSeek. Regardless, *if* you do, share as little information as possible.

