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- To help you to conduct online transactions.
- To perform statistical analyses on website usage to understand how people are using the website and how we can improve it.

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We will only share personal information about you with others if:

- We have your consent to share the information, or
- We need to share your information to provide the product or service you have requested, or
- We are authorized to do so by law. E.g., to respond to subpoenas, court orders, legal process, or to requests pursuant to a statute requiring or permitting disclosure such as the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

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