

## Sunshine Laws

project the light of day into every corner of government, keeping public officials accountable and their actions open for all to see.

The Ohio Auditor of State's office helps ensure that state laws governing open meetings and public records are respected and enforced at every level of government in Ohio.

Auditor of State Dave Yost  
**Open Government**

**Sunshine Laws are based on the fundamental principles of American democracy and representative government.**

The **Ohio Open Meetings Act** provides the public with the ability to observe and scrutinize the operations of government. The Act requires public officials to deliberate, discuss and conduct the people's business in open meetings.

The **Ohio Public Records Act** furthers the belief that a government "of the people, by the people and for the people" is accomplished only when citizens and taxpayers are able to fully observe government operations. In fact, Ohio's highest court has determined time and time again that public records belong "to the people," not to the government body holding them.

For more information about Ohio's Sunshine Laws, please contact Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost's Open Government Unit.

A team of legal professionals are available to help answer your questions about open government, whether you are a concerned taxpayer or a public official.

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