

How To Use Google To Search For Your Information Online

So, as things get increasingly connected, you need to be able to keep an eye out for your own information on the web, and here is a free tool from Google! This is a tool that can help you request the removal of this kind of information about you from the web.

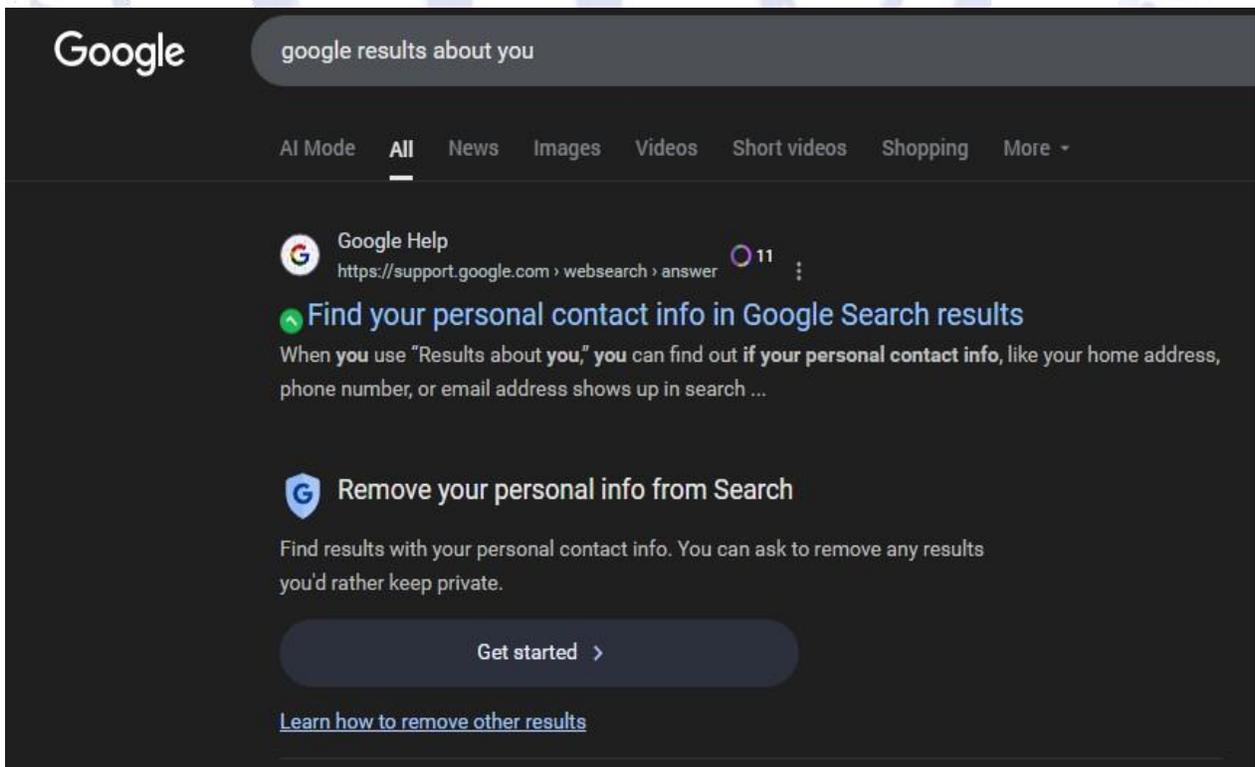
What this tool does: This is called "Results about you," and it provides you a list of results that Google has found about you on the Web, it also gives you an option to review it and either Approve (you are okay with it) or Remove (you want it taken down). But this tool does not remove the information from the web, it just removes it from Google Search, so if someone searches on Google, they will not see that information in any Google search result.

Here is how to set this up:

Go to the "Results about you" Tool

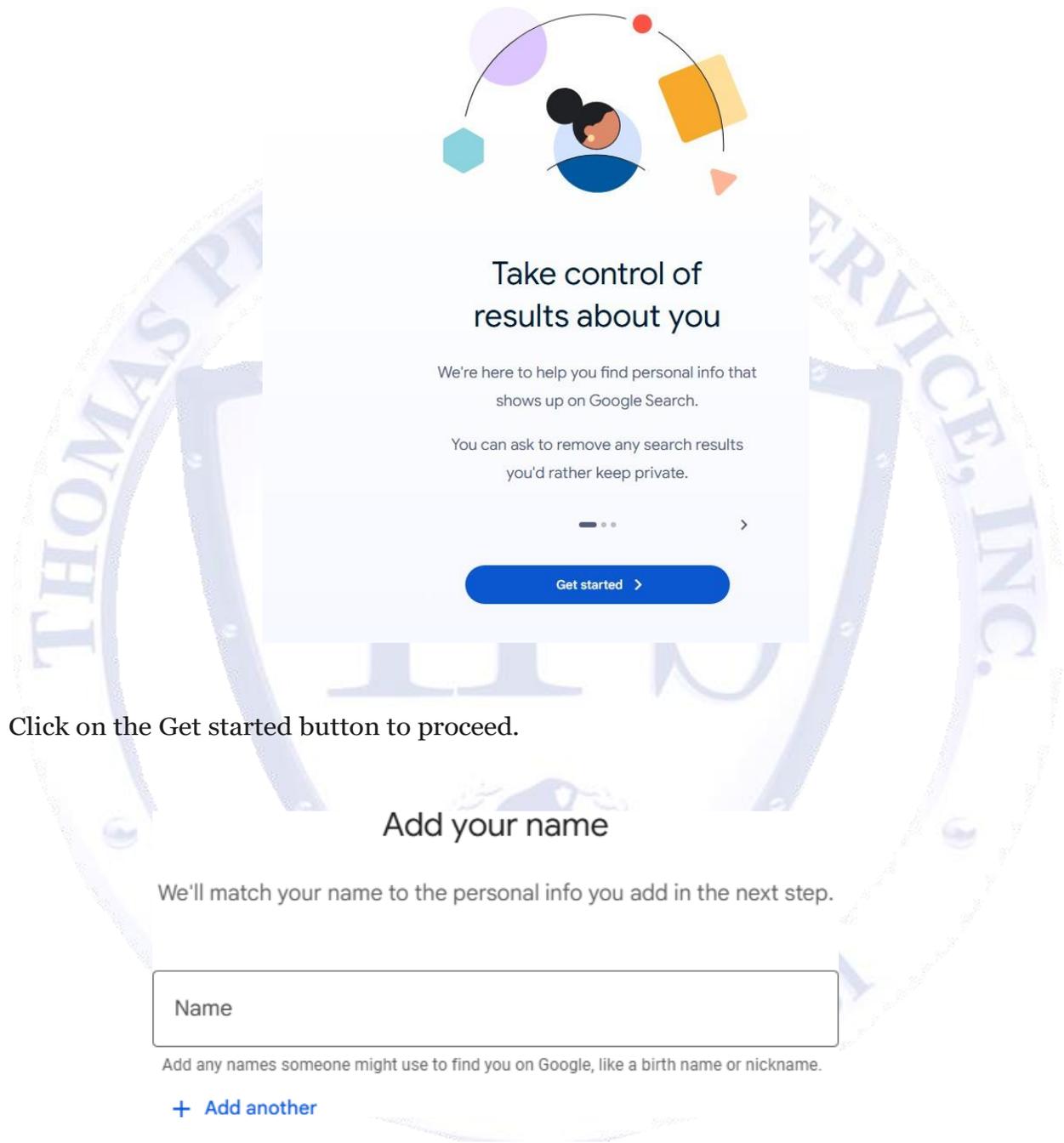
1. **Open your web browser:** This could be Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge, or any other browser you use to go online.
2. **Go to Google:** Type google.com in the address bar and press enter.
3. **Search for the tool:** Look for a link that says something like "Remove your personal info from Search." Click on the Get Started button.

Here is what you get by entering "Google Results about you" on the google search page.



The screenshot shows a Google search page with the search bar containing "google results about you". Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for "AI Mode", "All", "News", "Images", "Videos", "Short videos", "Shopping", and "More". The search results are displayed on a dark background. The first result is "Google Help" with the URL "https://support.google.com › websearch › answer" and a notification icon showing "11". Below this is a result titled "Find your personal contact info in Google Search results" with a green checkmark icon. The description reads: "When you use 'Results about you,' you can find out if your personal contact info, like your home address, phone number, or email address shows up in search ...". Below this is another result titled "Remove your personal info from Search" with a blue shield icon. The description reads: "Find results with your personal contact info. You can ask to remove any results you'd rather keep private." At the bottom of the results, there is a "Get started >" button and a link "Learn how to remove other results".

Now, let us click on the Get started button, this will take you to setting up your information, you will be taken to a new page to set up your information that Google will search for.



Click on the Get started button to proceed.

At this prompt, use your full name, and then add any other names you are known by, for example: Joseph, Joe, J, things like that. Also, think about any misspellings of your name as well. And then click Continue to get to the next page.

Add personal contact info

Enter at least one type of contact info to check for in search results.

[+ Add another home address](#)

Include your area code.

[+ Add another phone number](#)

[+ Add another email](#)

Now, here we will do the same thing, add in any addresses you have stayed at, any phone numbers and any email addresses you have used. This is not a time to think “I don’t want Google to have all this info about me.” This is a way for you to get people to stop finding out information about you. Once you have entered all of that information, click Continue to go to the next page.

Confirm the details

Double-check your info and choose how you'd like to be notified if we find it in search results.

Info we'll monitor for

Name
Bob Jones



Personal contact info
Home address: 3433 Austin Street, Corpus Christi, TX, USA



Notifications

Email
Get an email if we find results about you



Google app
Get alerts through the Google app if we find results about you



I confirm that the info I've added here belongs to me.

Save

Here, just verify what you have entered about yourself, if you want to add more, just click the pencil icon to edit the information. Once you complete this you will start to get an email sent to you that will list the things that Google found on you. These could come daily, or weekly or monthly, until you turn it off.

In the email, you will see what the information is, and you can choose to Approve it, which means you are okay with the information, or Request to remove. It could take a few days and the website can always say “No” to the request from Google. But you will get an email back from Google about the status of the request.

But remember, this only removes it from Google Search, meaning no one searching for that information on google.com will find it. Other search engines are not included in this tool.

Oh, also SAVE the emails you get from Google on this, not only the ones saying they found information about you on the web, but also the results of the Removal requests.