SOUND SAFARI

Security & Privacy Overview

iOS speech-therapy practice app for SLPs, educators & families

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On-device + your iCloud · Encrypted at rest · On-device AI · Never sold

Where your data lives

Created and stored **on the user's device**. With sync on, it replicates **only to the user's own private Apple iCloud** (CloudKit private DB). Sound Safari runs **no server holding clinical data** and can't access a user's iCloud.

Encryption

At rest via iOS Data Protection — audio uses the strongest class (**Complete**) and is excluded from device backups. Encrypted in transit and at rest in iCloud via Apple CloudKit.

Data minimization (PHI)

Audio uses random UUID filenames; PDF metadata is name-free; homework links omit the child's name (HMAC-signed). Deletion is a **cryptographic erase** — keys destroyed, unrecoverable.

On-device AI

AI (e.g., SOAP-note drafting) runs on-device via Apple Foundation Models. **No clinical data, audio, or transcripts are sent to any AI service.**

Authentication

Clerk sign-in, including Sign in with Apple. Each user's data is scoped to their own account.

No ads, no trackers, no sale

No ad or behavioral-analytics SDKs, no data brokers. Optional analytics are de-identified and can be turned off. **We don't sell data — including de-identified data.**

Sub-processors — none receive clinical or student data

Provider	Purpose	Data it receives
Apple iCloud (CloudKit)	Optional sync storage	The user's own data, held in the user's iCloud account
Clerk	Authentication	Account email and name
RevenueCat	Subscriptions	App Store purchase history, app-specific user ID
Sentry	Crash diagnostics	Technical crash data only; names, identifiers, and screenshots stripped

Compliance posture — stated plainly

HIPAA: Sound Safari is a clinical practice tool, **not a HIPAA-covered platform**, and does **not offer a Business Associate Agreement (BAA)**. Because data resides on the user's device and in the user's own iCloud — not on Sound Safari servers on a covered entity's behalf — the covered entity is the clinician or their organization, not Sound Safari. Organizations requiring a signed BAA before student PHI is entered should consult their compliance officer.

FERPA: Where student data is an education record, FERPA compliance is the educational institution's responsibility. We recommend student initials over full names.

COPPA: Sound Safari does not knowingly collect personal information from children; children do not create accounts.

User controls

Full data export (CSV/PDF) and per-student or complete deletion in-app. Off-device contributions (e.g., anonymous word suggestions) are opt-in and off by default.

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