

Relevance of The Fourth Amendment

- Protects individuals from seizures of their possessions and unreasonable searches of properties
- There are situations that serve as exceptions - a warrant with probable cause
- Authorities have subpoenaed Amazon to hand over Alexa in certain situations - such as in murder investigations.
- Supreme Court has struggled to decide exactly what constitutes a search and seizure
- Carpenter vs. U.S., outcome suggests that devices such as Alexa, that are smart home devices, do not get protection from the Fourth Amendment

User Agreements

- Alexa Terms of Use - “Alexa may be stored on servers outside which you live, and that interaction data is stored in a cloud.”
- If a user resides in the U.S. their data may be stored inside or outside of the states, same goes for users residing outside of the U.S
- Could affect criminal situations in which data may be requested by the government.
- “Release accounts and other personal information when we believe release is appropriate to comply with the law; enforce or apply our Conditions of Use and other agreements”.