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# Keep your Claude chats off Google

Find every chat and artifact you have ever shared from Claude, make them private again, and check that Google has dropped them.

WHAT HAPPENED

In July 2026, Wired reported that hundreds of shared Claude chats and artifacts were showing up in Google and Bing search. Some held business plans, emails, API keys and health details. Anyone could read them without logging in.

WHY IT HAPPENS

When you press **Share** on a chat or an artifact, Claude makes a public link. Anyone with that link can open it. If the link ends up somewhere public, like a forum, a client email that gets forwarded, or a social post, search engines can find it and list it.

WHAT THIS PROTECTS

- Client names, prices and proposals you worked on with Claude
- Emails, contracts and invoices you pasted in for help
- Artifacts you built and shared: dashboards, budgets, landing pages

BEFORE YOU START

- **A computer.** Use claude.ai in a browser or the Claude desktop app. The phone app does not show the full shared list.
- **Your Claude login. To check:** go to **claude.ai**. If you see your chat history on the left, you are logged in.

## 01 Open your privacy settings

In Claude, click your name or initials at the **bottom left** → **Settings** → **Privacy**. Scroll down to the section called **Your data**.

You will see rows for Export data, Shared chats, Shared artifacts and Uploaded files. Each has a **Manage** button.

## 02 Unshare your chats

Next to **Shared chats**, click **Manage**. A list opens with every chat you have ever shared and the date you shared it.

For each one you want private, click the **Unshare** icon on the right of its row. The public link stops working straight away.

Not sure what a chat contains? Click its name to open it first. If the list is empty, you have never shared a chat, so skip to Step 3.

## 03 Make your artifacts private

Back in **Settings** → **Privacy**, click **Manage** next to **Shared artifacts** to see every artifact you have shared.

Open each one, click **Share** at the top right, and under **General access** change **Anyone with the link** to **Only you**.

Artifacts are done one by one; there is no “unshare all” button. Start with anything that shows numbers, names or client work.

## 04 Check what Google still shows

Go to **google.com** and search each of these. Replace **Your Business** with your business name, and keep the quote marks.

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site:claude.ai/share "Your Business"
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site:claude.ai/public/artifacts "Your Business"
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Try your own name and your main clients' names too. Do the same searches on **bing.com**. No results means you are clean.

## 05 Remove anything that is still listed

Google can keep an old result for days after you unshare it. To speed it up, open Google's free removal tool:

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search.google.com/search-console/remove-outdated-content
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Click **New request**, paste the link of the result you found (right-click the result → **Copy link**), and submit. Google checks that the page is gone and removes it from search.

You need to be logged in to a Google account. You do not need to own the website. Only do this **after** Steps 2 and 3, or Google will see the page is still live and turn the request down.

GOOD TO KNOW

- **Unsharing is instant, Google is not.** The link dies right away, but the search result can take a few days to disappear.
- **Anyone who already copied the text keeps it.** Unsharing stops new visitors; it cannot pull back a copy someone saved.
- **Before you share next time,** ask yourself if you would be fine with a stranger reading it. If not, copy the answer into an email instead of sending a link.
- **Never paste passwords or API keys into a chat you might share.** If you already did, change that password or key now.

WHAT THIS GUIDE DOES NOT COVER

Setting up Claude so your business runs on it safely: projects, private client work and AI assistants that never leak what they know. That takes more than a free guide.

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