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CHAPTER 20

REDACTION

Can't find it? Something missing? Instructions not clear? Email manuals@affinityconsulting.com.

Importance of Proper Redaction

The importance of properly redacting a document cannot be understated. **Using the Redaction tools, as described in this chapter, is the only proper way to redact information.** Any other method may result in the disclosure of redacted information. One merely needs to read the news to see prominent attorneys in trouble for improperly redacting documents.

Step 1: Save a Copy First

Redactions cannot be undone unless the PDF is closed without saving changes. Therefore, you want to start by saving a copy of your PDF. Keep the original intact and redact the information from the copy.

Step 2: Open the Redact a PDF Tool

Start by opening the **Redact a PDF tool** (see page 5).

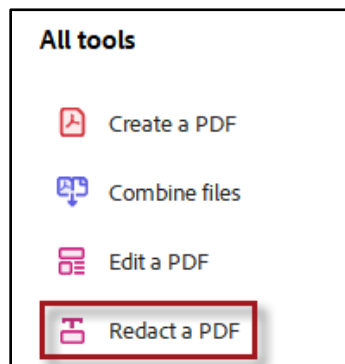


FIGURE 20-1

Set 3: Set the Redaction Properties

To change the redaction to any color other than black or use overlay text, you need to change the Redaction Properties. Click on dropdown arrow next to **Redact Text & Images** and select **Properties**. Once redaction properties are set, the PDF is ready for redaction.

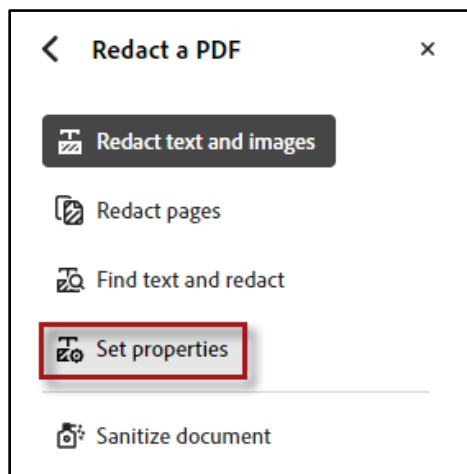


FIGURE 20-2

Step 4: Mark for Redaction

Once the properties are set, mark the information to be redacted by manually selected the information, searching for the information, or redacting whole pages.

Manually Redact Text and Images

1. Click on the **Redact Text & Images button**.
2. Select the text/image to be redacted.
3. Continue to select text and images until all information to be redacted is marked.

Search and Redact

Warning About Searching to Redact

The Search and Redact function will not catch misspellings or text not explicitly searched for. When using the Search and Redact function, **it is critical that one review the PDF to ensure that all information has been properly selected and marked for redaction**. To search for text and mark it for redaction:

1. Click on the **Redact Text & Images dropdown arrow** → **Find Text & Redact**.

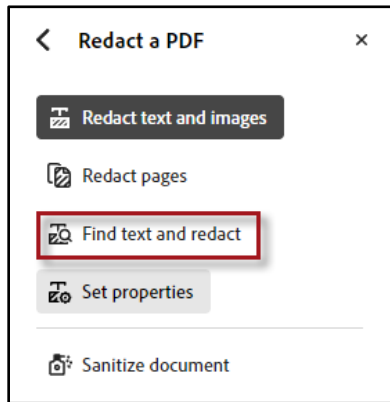


FIGURE 20-3

2. Perform a search for the desired text, phrase or pattern.

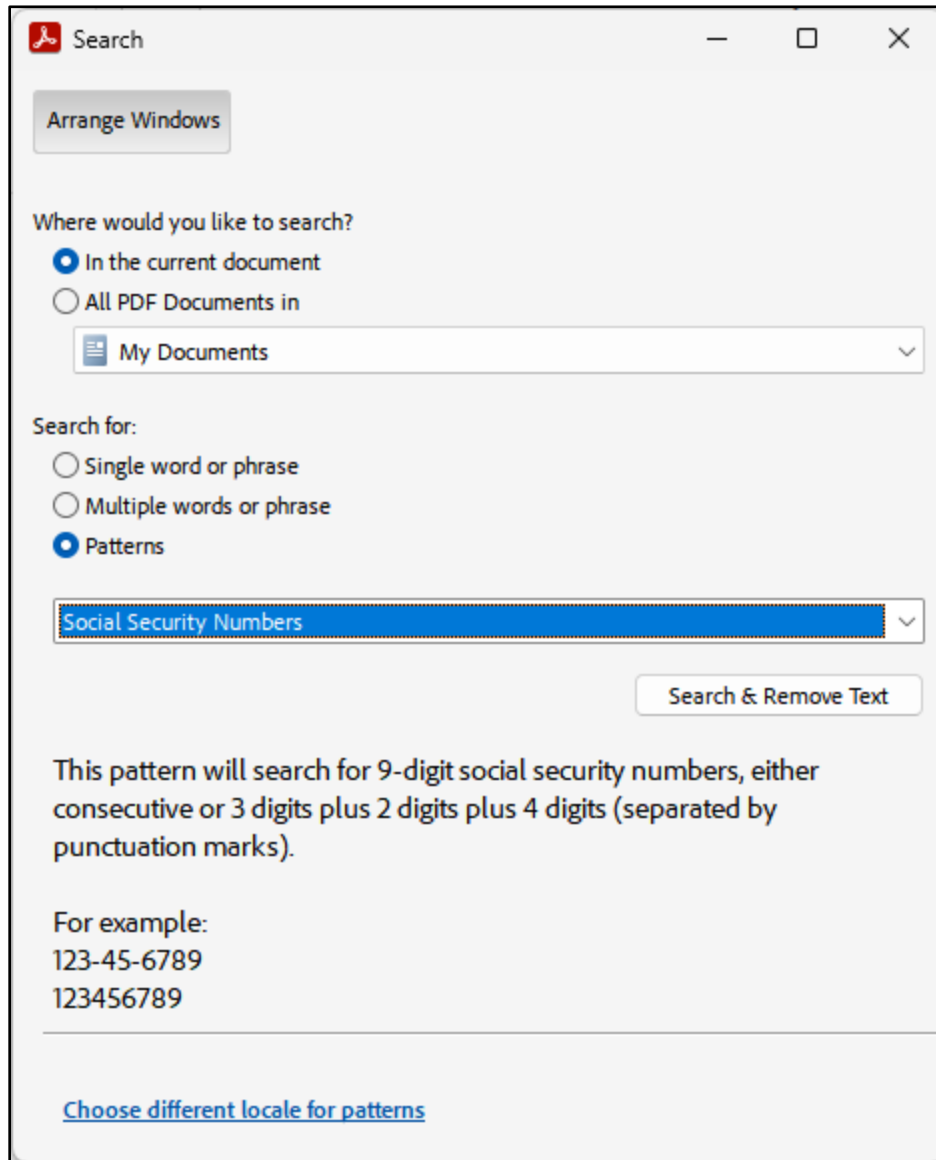


FIGURE 20-4

3. Click on the **Search & Remove Text button**.
4. Select the results you would like to mark by checking the boxes to the left of the result list.
5. Then select **Mark for Redaction**.

Redact Whole Pages

Select **Redact Text & Images dropdown arrow** → **Redact Pages**.

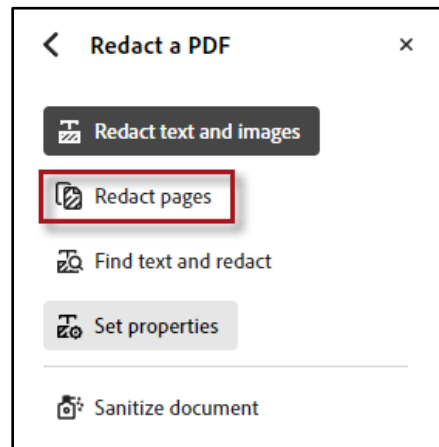


FIGURE 20-5

Step 5: Apply Redactions

Once the redactions are marked, click on the **Apply button** at the bottom of the Redact a PDF pane to apply the redactions.



FIGURE 20-6

Do Not Skip Applying Redactions

Once redacted, you will not be able to undo the redaction (unless you close the PDF without saving). Be sure to save the redacted PDF. If you do not apply redactions, then any information marked for redaction in Step 4 remains easily readable.



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