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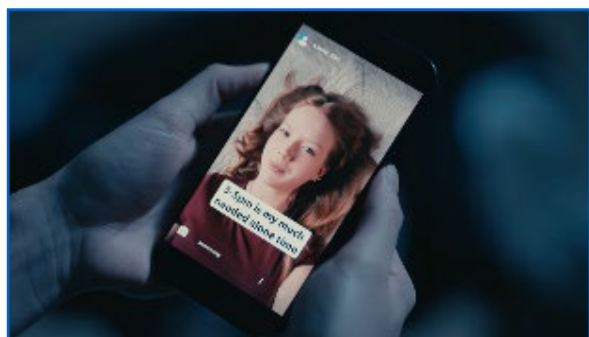
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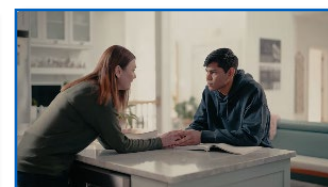
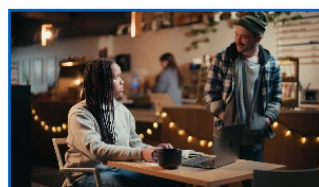
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Think Digital Privacy Video Series for Youth

In September, OIPC launched a new Think Digital Privacy video series. This series was created to help young people navigate today's digital world, encouraging youth to pause, think critically about their online activities, and make informed decisions about their personal information.



This series was shaped by conversations with young people about their online experiences, privacy concerns, and the challenges they face when sharing information online. Their insights helped inform the topics and scenarios featured throughout the series, resulting in content that we believe is relevant and relatable to youth.



“Every day, young people are making decisions about their personal information, often without realizing the long-term impact those decisions can have,” said Information and Privacy Commissioner Kerry Hatfield. “As students settle into the school year, we encourage them to take a few moments to think about their digital privacy and the steps they can take to protect themselves online. We hope these videos spark conversations among students, parents, caregivers, educators, and organizations about the importance of protecting personal information in today's digital world.”

OIPC encourages everyone to watch, share, and discuss our video series with the young people in their lives. To view our Think Digital Privacy videos, visit [OIPC's YouTube channel](#).



APSIM Conference 2026

APSIM 2026 is sold out! We're excited to welcome a full roster of attendees this year and are actively monitoring a waitlist for any spaces that become available. **If you're registered and can no longer attend, please cancel your ticket promptly so we can offer the spot to someone on the waitlist.** For information on cancelling your ticket, conference logistics, and other event details, please visit the APSIM Conference [FAQ webpage](#), and [Location and Parking webpage](#).

FPT Annual Meeting

Canada's federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) information and privacy commissioners and ombuds gathered in Ottawa on September 14-15 to explore ways to continue to foster public trust in democratic institutions through transparency, privacy protection, and independent oversight.

Hosted by Information Commissioner of Canada Caroline Maynard and Privacy Commissioner of Canada Philippe Dufresne, the annual meeting brought together information and privacy regulators from across the country to discuss their roles as independent oversight bodies and exchange perspectives on issues affecting their respective jurisdictions.

Privacy-related discussions focused on the opportunities and risks associated with emerging technologies, including AI, quantum computing and advanced data-processing systems. Participants examined how privacy intersects with cross-border data flows, digital sovereignty and national resilience.

Participants also discussed how access to information supports transparency and public understanding of government decision-making. They explored how new technologies are changing

the way in which government records are created and managed, and the implications for access rights.

Meeting participants heard from experts in government, academia, industry, civil society and the legal community on issues shaping the future of access to information and privacy protection across Canada.



Photograph: Canada's Information and Privacy Commissioners and Ombuds from federal, provincial, and territorial jurisdictions pose for a group photo at the 2026 annual FPT Meeting in Ottawa.



The Information Desk: Privacy Breach Reporting

ATIPPA, 2015 requires public bodies to report any and all privacy breaches to our Office. But what happens after the public body submits the form to breachreport@oipc.nl.ca?

Members of the administrative and management teams have access to the breach report email account to ensure documentation is promptly processed, even when people are out of the office. The email is checked daily.

Administrative staff enter the email, the completed breach reporting form, and pertinent details of the breach into the record management system. This is why OIPC will only accept breaches reported using the official OIPC [Privacy Breach Reporting Form](#); the form reflects information that becomes metadata in the folder, making it easier to run statistics and identify trends or systemic issues.

Once all information is entered, the breach is work flowed to an Access and Privacy Analyst (APA). OIPC currently has eight APAs on staff and they are assigned weekly breach review and inquiry duties on a rotating basis. The APA reviews the details of the breach and will follow up if they require clarification or have any suggestions on mitigation and prevention activities. On occasion, a breach report is submitted containing unnecessary personal information. OIPC will request that the form be resubmitted without the personal information. Once the new form is received, the old one is deleted and the new form added. Breach files are promptly closed in OIPC's records management system, as soon as any necessary follow-up is completed.

All breaches received during the week are summarized and submitted to the management team via internal email. If a privacy breach is large or involves particularly sensitive information, the management team is immediately notified, with the summary repeated in the weekly email.

Public bodies needing assistance with reporting a privacy breach can see our [How to Complete the Reporting a Privacy Breach Form](#) or contact OIPC.

You Asked, We Answered!

You wanted to know more about how the OIPC works so we created:

The Information Desk

This new column provides insights into our processes and operations.

Want to know more? [Email us](#) your ideas for future topics.

Right to Know Week

Right to Know Week took place September 28 to October 4, 2026, with Right to Know Day occurring on September 28th. It was on this day in 2002 that an international meeting of access to information advocates occurred in Sofia, Bulgaria; they proposed that a day be dedicated to the promotion of freedom of information worldwide.

Right to Know Day is dedicated to creating awareness about the importance of people's right to access government information, while promoting freedom of information as essential to both democracy and good governance.

In Canada, Right to Know Day extends to a week of celebrations, known as Right to Know Week. This year is particularly significant for access to information rights in Newfoundland and Labrador, as it is taking place during the statutory review of ATIPPA, 2015.

While access to information rights have faced setbacks in some parts of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador's legislation remains widely recognized as among the strongest in the country. ATIPPA, 2015 serves as a leading example of how strong access laws can support government accountability, foster informed public participation, and strengthen public trust in the institutions that serve us.

As part of our outreach activities leading up to Right to Know Week 2026, OIPC encouraged individuals, organizations, journalists, researchers, public bodies, and community groups to share their perspectives on how the legislation can be preserved and strengthened for future generations.



"Access to information is a fundamental democratic right," said Information and Privacy Commissioner Kerry Hatfield. "Newfoundland and Labrador has become a leader in access to information because citizens have consistently demanded transparency and accountability from our province's public bodies. As ATIPPA, 2015 undergoes review, I encourage everyone to make their voices heard. Strong access laws do not remain strong by accident; they require ongoing engagement and a commitment to protecting the public's right to know."

Learn More

Watch the [Commissioner discuss Right to Know Week](#) on Instagram.

Visit the [ATIPPA Review website](#) to learn more about the ongoing ATIPPA, 2015 review process.



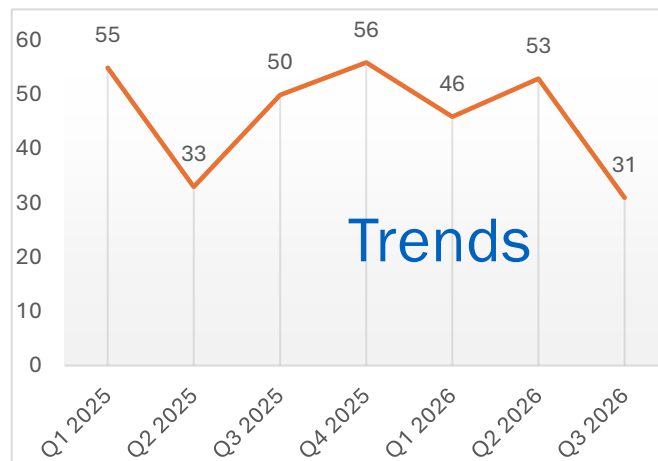
ATIPPA, 2015 Privacy Breach Statistics July 1 – September 30, 2026

During the third quarter of 2026 (July 1 – September 30, 2026), OIPC received 31 privacy breach reports from 18 public bodies under ATIPPA, 2015. This is a decrease from the 53 breaches reported during the previous quarter.

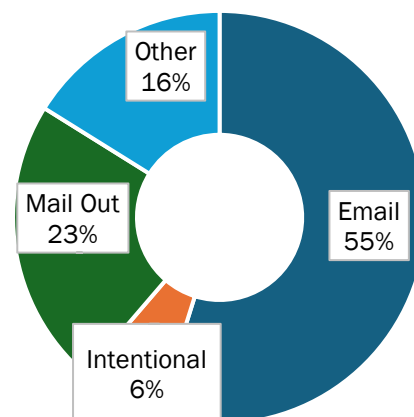
Public bodies are reminded that OIPC will only be accepting privacy breach reports that are sent using the official OIPC [Privacy Breach Reporting Form](#). All other reporting forms will be rejected, and the public body will need to re-submit.

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College of the North Atlantic	1
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	3
Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change	1
Department of Government Services	2
Department of Health and Community Services	2
Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development	2
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	1
Legal Aid NL	1
Memorial University	3
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation	2
NL Health Services	2
NL Hydro	1
Royal Newfoundland Constabulary	2
Town of New-Wes-Valley	1
Town of Point Leamington	1
Town of Pouch Cove	3
Town of St. Brides	1
Treasury Board Secretariat	2



Summary by Type



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