



What Students Need to Know About Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Grade 11/12 Program





The Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario (IPC) provides an active outreach program for Grade 11/12 students to help increase the understanding of two very important public values: (1) open government; and (2) personal privacy. As part of this outreach program, the IPC has developed Grade 11/12 reference material as part of the *What Students Need to Know about Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* program.

What Students Need to Know provides an opportunity for students and their teacher to discuss why access to government-held information and personal privacy are important public values, and how these values are reflected in our relationships with governments.

The *What Students Need to Know* program is focused on introducing students to the importance of these two values, and how they are relevant to their lives. Our hope is that once the values are learned and understood, they will find expression and ongoing relevance as students mature. The Grade 11/12 resource material contains a number of activities which are designed to generate questions and stimulate group discussion of open government and privacy protection.

Resource Material

The Grade 11/12 resource material is available free of charge, and contains the following activities:

-  **Teacher's Notes** — provides background and sources of information.
-  **Personal Information and Privacy Matters** — defines what personal information is, and how it is collected, used and sometimes abused.
-  **Freedom of Information Matters** — explains the concept of open government and its importance as a public value.
-  **Consumer and Workplace Privacy** — examines ways to protect the student's privacy as a consumer or employee.

The resource material can be downloaded in either PDF or HTML format from the IPC's website at www.ipc.on.ca. You can also have the PDF version e-mailed to you — just send your request to schoolprogram@ipc.on.ca. If you do not have Internet access, you can order a guide by contacting:

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The Information and Privacy Commissioner is appointed by the Ontario Legislature. This independence from the government of the day allows the Commissioner to be impartial when carrying out duties under the *Acts*.

Other brochures available from the Information and Privacy Commissioner:

*Access to Information under Ontario's
Information and Privacy Acts*

*Your Privacy and Ontario's Information
and Privacy Commissioner*

*The Appeal Process and Ontario's Infor-
mation and Privacy Commissioner*

*A Mini Guide to Ontario's Freedom of
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