

University of British Columbia – Children's & Women's Research Ethics Board

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIVACY BREACH

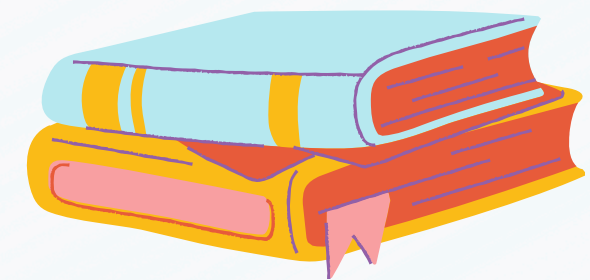


PRIVACY 101: LEGAL

Under **FIPPA** there is a **legal requirement** to notify affected people of privacy breaches causing significant harm.

PRIVACY 101: ETHICS

Under **TCPS2** there is an **ethical obligation** to inform participants of privacy breaches, unless there is a clear reason not to inform the participant.



IS THIS BREACH RESEARCH RELATED?

Is the patient involved a research participant? Is this incident related to research activities?

ANALYZE THE SITUATION

As a study team, determine if there is any reason **not** to inform the participant, or reasons for delay (i.e. special circumstances: in-patient status, current distress)



INFORM THE PARTICIPANT

Unless justifiable, the ethical approach is to inform the participant of the privacy breach whenever possible

SUBMIT TO REB AND NOTIFY PHSA PRIVACY OFFICE

Refer to RISE PAA Coversheet for required information. Include: who, what, when, where, how; ways to prevent; whether participant, and other departments were notified

