



# Cyber Security Awareness

## **SLC CYBER Security: Information and Privacy Commissioner**

This month's security newsletter is looking at a slightly different topic. Although not limited to on-line activity, we feel that you should be aware of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. This is a section of the judiciary system of Ontario and is responsible for ensuring that organizations are complying with laws relating to access to information. Below you will find information about the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and your personal information!



## **CYBER Security: Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario**

Last month we looked at privacy, and ways you can protect yourself on-line. What about how companies and organizations are protecting you? In Ontario, any public organization or business that collects information must follow certain laws about how that information is stored or shared. This control of information is overseen by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. The Information and Privacy Commissioner also assists with complaints and investigations into privacy issues.

### **Personal information: what is it?**

Personal information includes any recorded information about you! This could include your name, address, birthday, gender, education, or Social Insurance Number. This is why you should never share your Slc.me account information with anyone. In most cases, only you will have access to your information.

### **But why is this information collected?**

Most often, organizations collect this information so that they can offer services. Imagine if the College didn't know your name, or if you had completed high school? This would make it difficult to offer you services and programs that were applicable and relevant to you.

### **What protection do you have?**

You have the right to expect that your information will be collected for legitimate reasons only, and only the information required will be collected. Once collected, you have the right to expect that the information will be kept private and secure.

### **Keeping information up to date**

Your information should only be updated by you. Keeping your information up to date helps organizations to make sure they are able to offer the best services to you.

### **What if you think your information has been mismanaged?**

If you feel that an organization has mismanaged your information, there are a number of steps you can take. Here at the College, if you have a concern about the privacy of your information, contact the IT Service Desk. We can be reached at [ITS@sl.on.ca](mailto:ITS@sl.on.ca) or by calling EXT 4357.

Now that you are an expert about personal information and the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario... **SHOUT OUT TO US!** Let us know your tips to keep your information private by tweeting us or mention us on FB!

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