Want More Information?

Contact the Access and Privacy Office by phone, email, mail or drop by in person.

Access and Privacy Office
233 Elizabeth Dafoe Library
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 2N2

Phone: 204-474-9462
Email: fippa@umanitoba.ca
Website: umanitoba.ca/access_and_privacy
The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), The Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) and the University of Manitoba

The University of Manitoba is committed to the principles of access to information and the protection of privacy outlined in The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and The Personal Health Information Act (PHIA). These Acts provide the public the right of access to records in the custody or under the control of the University of Manitoba, while safeguarding the privacy of the individuals.

Key Principles of FIPPA and PHIA:

- The public has a right of access to University records (both general and their own personal information).
- The public has a right to request corrections be made to their own personal information.
- Public bodies must securely collect, store, share, and dispose of personal information.
- Defined limitations on the use and sharing of personal information based on minimum amount and need to know for approved and authorised purposes.
- Independent review of access and privacy decisions or actions taken by the University.

Which Records Are Covered by FIPPA and PHIA at the University of Manitoba?

FIPPA and PHIA applies to all records in the custody or under the control of the University and its Colleges, but does not extend to information that may be considered exempt from disclosure, such as teaching or research materials.

About the University’s Access and Privacy Office

The Access and Privacy Office is responsible for the implementation of FIPPA and PHIA at the University of Manitoba. The office responds to all access to information requests for the University; investigates breaches of privacy; and provides FIPPA and PHIA training to University staff, students, and associates. The Access and Privacy Office also provides advisory and administrative support services for the management of University records.

Access and Privacy Office Services

- Guidance to support University compliance with access and privacy legislation.
- Coordination of University responses to access to information requests.
- Leadership and support of the University’s records management program.
- Privacy training programs.
- Privacy breach investigations.
- Privacy risk assessments on new and existing information management systems.