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Privacy Breach Policy

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Ronald Connor has a responsibility for the safekeeping and protection of personal information that he collects and retains on his clients and teammates.

Part of his responsibility is to document and report any privacy violations/breaches of such personal information.

What is a breach?

A privacy breach is the result of an unauthorized access to, or collection, use or disclosure of personal information.

Why you should notify individuals in certain circumstances

Your customers and employees expect businesses to protect their personal information. They want to be informed about privacy risks associated with your personal information handling practices.

What to do after discovering a breach

- **Complete privacy breach incident form**
 - Complete form in full, include all details
- **Conduct preliminary assessment**
 - Contain breach
 - Designate individual to start investigation
 - Preliminary notification
 - Escalate internally (personal responsible for privacy compliance)
- **Evaluate the risks**
 - what personal information was involved
 - what was the cause and extent of the breach
 - how many individuals have been affected and who are they

- what harm could result from the breach
- **Notify all appropriate parties**
 - Financial Institution
 - Client
 - Police
 - Privacy Commissioner
- **Prevent future breaches**
 - Review and establish new policies/produgal/training (if applicable) to prevent future breaches

If anyone has any questions with regards to the information contained within this policy, please contact:

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Privacy Breach Checklist
(Guidelines & Steps to assist you with reporting)

Incident Description

- When was the date of the incident?
- Who discovered it?
- Details of what happened?

Step 1: Breach Containment and Preliminary Assessment

- Have you contained the breach (recovery of information, computer system shut down, locks changed)?
- Have you designated an appropriate individual to lead the initial investigation?
- Have you determined who needs to be made aware of the incident internally and potentially externally at this preliminary stage?
- Does the breach appear to involve theft or other criminal activity? If yes, have the police been notified?

Step 2: Evaluate the Risks Associated with the Breach

(i) What personal information was involved?

- What personal information was involved (name, address, SIN, financial, medical)? •
What form was it in (e.g., paper records, electronic database)?
- What physical or technical security measures were in place at the time of the incident (locks, alarm systems, encryption, passwords, etc.)?

(ii) What was the cause and extent of the breach?

- Is there a risk of ongoing breaches or further exposure of the information?
- Can the personal information be used for fraudulent or other purposes?
- Was the information lost or was it stolen? If it was stolen, can it be determined whether the information was the target of the theft or not?
- Has the personal information been recovered?
- Is this an isolated incident?

(iii) Who has been affected by the breach (employees, clients, service providers, other organizations)?

(iv) Is there any foreseeable harm from the breach?

- What harm to the individuals could result from the breach (e.g., security risk, identity theft, financial loss, loss of business or employment opportunities, physical harm, humiliation, damage to reputation, etc.)?

- Do you know who has received the information and what is the risk of further access, use or disclosure?
- What harm to the organization could result from the breach (e.g., loss of trust, loss of assets, financial exposure, legal proceedings, etc.)
- What harm could come to the public as a result of notification of the breach (e.g., risk to public health or risk to public safety)?

Step 3: Notification

(i) Should affected individuals be notified?

- What are the reasonable expectations of the individuals concerned?
- What is the risk of harm to the individual? Is there a reasonable risk of identity theft or fraud? • Is there a risk of physical harm? Is there a risk of humiliation or damage to the individual's reputation?
- What are the legal and contractual obligations of the organization?
- If you decide that affected individuals do not need to be notified, note your reasons.

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(ii) If affected individuals are to be notified, when and who will notify them?

- What form of notification will you use (e.g., by phone, letter, email or in person, website, media, etc.)?
- Who will notify the affected individuals? Do you need to involve another party?
- If law enforcement authorities are involved, does notification need to be delayed to ensure that the investigation is not compromised?

(iii) What & Who should be included in the notification?

Depending on the circumstances, notifications could include some of the following, but be careful to limit the amount of personal information disclosed in the notification to what is necessary:

- a description of the personal information involved in the breach;
- contact information in your organization who can answer questions or provide further information; • whether your organization has notified a privacy commissioner's office;
- Should any privacy commissioners' office be informed?
- Should the police or any other parties be informed? This may include insurers; professional or other regulatory bodies; credit card companies, financial institutions or credit reporting agencies; other internal or external parties such as third-party contractors, internal business units not previously advised of the privacy breach

Step 4: Prevention of Future Breaches

- What short or long-term steps do you need to take to correct the situation (e.g., staff training, policy review or development, audit)?

Privacy Breach Incident/Reporting Form

Date:	
Name of Individual completing form	
Location & date of incident	
Description of incident	
Cause (if known)	
Affected individual(s) (client, employee, financial guide, 3 rd party)	
Type(s) of personal information involved	
Brief description of action(s) taken to contain breach	
Who has been notified (including date notified)	
Additional Comments	

Sample - Checklist for Office Safeguards (Individual/Employees)

Below is a list of safeguards you can implement in your office. This checklist can be customized to fit your office needs.

- Employees to read and acknowledge in writing that they understand and will abide by the privacy policy
- All staff are required to sign a confidentiality agreement
- Privacy disclaimer on all e-mail, faxes etc.
- All confidential materials to be removed from view (during lunch, breaks, end of day)
- No information in view of public, on desks
- No discussion of client files outside the office
- Computers/Laptops to be secured when unattended
- All computers/laptops to be password protected
- No sharing of passwords
- All file cabinets to be locked
- All waste paper containing personal information be shredded
- Any person, client or broker, must identify themselves by a broker code, SIN #, DOB, etc to confirm identity
- No sharing of client information with unauthorized parties
- Fax Machine to be set up to keep faxes in memory when office is closed
- Office is locked and alarms set when no staff present or on weekends
- All privacy related client complaints to be referred to Privacy Officer
- Empty shredding file daily
- Lock shredding bin
- Certificates of Destruction are received for shredded material

All inquiries should be directed to the Privacy Officer:

(Privacy Officer)

