

The Personal Health Information Act

**Your Health Information
and Your Privacy**



What is the Personal Health Information Act?

The Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) is a new provincial law that governs the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information by individuals and organizations, also known as custodians, involved in the delivery of health care services. The law is intended to ensure that your personal health information is kept confidential and secure while allowing for the effective delivery of health care services in the province.

Responsibilities of custodians under PHIA

Health care custodians must:

- Collect only the information needed to provide you with the required service.
- Safeguard your personal health information.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure your personal health information is accurate and up to date.
- Provide a written summary of their information-handling practices and the name of a person to contact if you have questions or concerns about your records.

for additional information:

www.gov.nl.ca/health/PHIA


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