



Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office



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**Halifax** – Today, data privacy authorities around the world are reminding citizens to take action to stay safe online. Nova Scotia’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Officer, Catherine Tully, joins them in marking Data Privacy Day.

Data Privacy Day is celebrated every January 28 around the world. Events around the day seek to raise awareness of the importance of valuing and protecting personal information and respecting privacy.

Nova Scotians have a right to have their personal information treated securely when it is collected, used or disclosed by provincial or municipal government bodies and by health care custodians. They also have a right to request a correction if their personal information is inaccurate.

The Review Officer provides independent oversight over the acts governing the treatment of personal information by provincial government departments and health care custodians.

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada offers helpful tips for staying safe online at its website [https://www.priv.gc.ca/resource/dpd/index\\_e.asp](https://www.priv.gc.ca/resource/dpd/index_e.asp).

The Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner of Switzerland is marking the day with a panel discussion of the privacy impact of wearable health monitoring applications. You can learn more about that initiative here: <http://www.admin.ch/aktuell/00089/index.html?lang=en&msg-id=56007>.

You can learn more about Data Privacy Day at <http://www.staysafeonline.org/data-privacy-day/>.

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