

Text messaging and FIPPA

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) applies to records in the custody or under the control of an institution. Text messages sent or received for business purposes, even those sent using personal accounts, have been found by the Information and Privacy Commissioner to be under an institution's control for FIPPA purposes and therefore required to be disclosed. Be aware when texting that any record, even a transitory one, could be within scope of a FIPPA request.