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Canvas privacy breach affecting secondary and post-secondary institutions in British Columbia

VICTORIA –The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia (OIPC) is aware of and monitoring the privacy breach of Canvas (an educational platform operated by Instructure) affecting some secondary and post-secondary institutions in British Columbia, nationally and internationally. Numerous public bodies have already reported the breach to the OIPC, and the office is working with those institutions to address the breach.

The OIPC wishes to remind all public bodies of their legal responsibility to notify the OIPC of any privacy breach involving the sensitive personal information of people in British Columbia, such as the Canvas breach, in a timely manner. While private organizations are not required by law to notify the OIPC of a privacy breach, we strongly encourage any private organizations affected by this breach to contact our office. In this instance, it is important that this be done as soon as possible, so that the OIPC can develop a full picture of the extent of the breach and provide support in responding to it.

The OIPC has reached out to its federal and provincial counterparts to discuss and evaluate the national and international implications of this event.

As section 47 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* prohibits the office from disclosing information about files that come before the office, the OIPC will not be confirming or providing information about which institutions have reported the breach to the office.

The OIPC has a number of resources available to public bodies that experience a privacy breach, including a checklist and guidance document. Public bodies can report a breach to the OIPC by using an online form at <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/forms/public-bodies/online-privacy-breach-report-form/>

Links

Privacy breach checklist for public bodies: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/documents/guidance-documents/2582>

Privacy breaches: tools and resources for public bodies: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/documents/guidance-documents/2584>

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