

Media Advisory

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Commissioner to release findings of investigation into over-collection of personal information by landlords

VICTORIA—On Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 9:30 am, Acting Information and Privacy Commissioner Drew McArthur will release the results of an investigation into the over-collection of personal information by landlords in BC.

The investigation examined the personal information collected from prospective tenants by landlords in British Columbia. Landlords and not-for-profit organizations that provide rental housing are subject to BC's *Personal Information Protection Act*.

IR P18-01: Always, sometimes, or never? Personal information and tenant screening will be available for download from the OIPC website at https://www.oipc.bc.ca/reports/investigation-reports/.

A news release will be issued summarizing the report.

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