

## TIP OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2010

### **WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY!**

**There are many threats to your privacy arising from advancements in technology. Here are a few risks you should be cautious about:-**

- Genetic technologies can unlock the most personal secrets of your DNA, including an inherited disorder that could come to light in your future.
- Iris scans to verify your identity can also reveal other things about you, including pregnancy and drug use.
- Global position systems (GPS), radio-frequency identification (RFID) and other tiny wireless devices can keep tabs on your every move.
- Video cameras are tiny and cheap, and may be used to expose you to surreptitious surveillance and recording.
- People engaged in social networking over the Internet may fail to apply the privacy settings, thereby inadvertently sharing too much personal information.
- Identity thieves use techniques such as “phishing” to trick people into revealing personal information online.
- High-speed communications and data management let companies outsource business activities abroad, which send your personal information flashing instantly around the globe under the control of others.

#### **What can you do?**

By understanding the value of personal privacy, you can do a lot to defend it.

You can limit the information you give out about yourself, and question the collection and use of your personal information by others.

If you're worried that your privacy has been or could be breached, you can lodge a complaint with our Office. There is no fee to make a complaint you may e-mail us at [dataprotection@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:dataprotection@bahamas.gov.bs) with your questions and concerns.