

Tip of the Month June, 2013

Your Personal Information is Valuable



Who has my information?

Lots of businesses have information about you. Every time you use a credit card, buy things online or sign up for an account, you're giving information about yourself. Businesses have to be honest with you about why they want your information and what they're going to do with it. They also have to keep your information safe.

Should I check the terms and conditions?

When you sign up for a new service or product, make sure you know what you're agreeing to. Will you be put on a mailing list? Will your details be given to someone else?

If it's unclear what's going to happen with your information, ask. If you're worried, don't provide your information. Go to a different business if you're not happy.

Take your time - don't be pressured into anything. If you want to think about it, or you want to check with family or friends, say so. Any genuine business will respect your wishes.

Can I see what information a business has about me?

You can ask to see the information that a business has about you. If it's wrong, you can ask for the details to be corrected or deleted.

If you need any assistance, the Data Protection Commissioner will be happy to help. E-mail us dataprotection@bahamas.gov.bs or visit our website at www.bahamas.gov.bs/dataprotection