

# Handle With Care

Protecting Data at Every Step

January 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026



## Take Part in Data Privacy Week 2026! Handle With Care: Protecting Data at Every Step

Welcome to Data Privacy Week 2026! We welcome the College Community to join the Privacy Office from January 26th to 30th as we share guidance on how to keep personal information accurate and secure. This year's theme is **"Handle With Care: Protecting Data at Every Step"**.

At Algonquin College, we are entrusted with the personal information of learners, alumni, donors, faculty, and staff. Respecting and protecting the privacy and confidentiality of this data is our shared responsibility, so we'll be publishing daily communications throughout the week providing you with great tips and advice on information handling best practices. Specifically, we'll be exploring:

- Identity Verification
- Consent & Authorizations
- Consistent Use
- Need to Know / Principle of Least Privilege
- Sharing & Transmission
- Storage
- Retention
- Secure Disposal

Make sure you also save the date for Wednesday January 28th so you can visit the in-person awareness booth at the Ottawa campus from 12PM to 2:30PM in the Marketplace Food Court. The Privacy Office will be there to answer all of your privacy-related questions, and we'll also have games, swag, and more!

**Data Privacy Week** began in 2006 when the Council of Europe launched Data Privacy Day, celebrated each year on January 28th. This particular date was selected to commemorate the 1981 signing of Convention 108, the first legally binding international treaty dealing with privacy and data protection. Canada first celebrated Data Privacy Day in 2008, expanding to Data Privacy Week in 2022 to align with the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA). This internationally recognized annual event empowers individuals to safeguard their data and guides organizations in their efforts to build and sustain trust by implementing healthy privacy practices.

Staying informed about privacy can help you stay proactive in your efforts to keep personal information safe and secure. Feel free to reach out to the Privacy Office if you have any questions or concerns at [privacy@algonquincollege.com](mailto:privacy@algonquincollege.com).

And remember, Information Security and Privacy is everybody's business!

**PRIVACY QUESTIONS?**  
**EMAIL [PRIVACY@ALGONQUINCOLLEGE](mailto:PRIVACY@ALGONQUINCOLLEGE)**

