Privacy Matters: 6 Principles Protecting the Privacy of Youth

Ohio State is committed to protecting the privacy of youth. If your program offers services to youth, here are some guidelines to protect their privacy.

1. Collect Only Necessary Information
   Collect only necessary information about the youth. For example, only collect medication information if the participant will receive medication during the duration of the program.

2. Guard Physical Privacy
   Protect the physical privacy of youth when they are at camp, activities, and other programs. Physical privacy is privacy over one’s space, body and belongings.

3. Keep Health Information Private
   Keep health forms secure and share information only on a need-to-know basis.

4. Safeguard Photos and Videos
   Make sure you get permission before taking pictures and videos and using them.

5. Teach Privacy
   Program leaders should look for ways to teach youth how to protect their own privacy, why it is important, and how securing their own information will help them as they grow up in a digital world.

6. Secure Data
   Limit access to data and follow the Ohio State data security requirements that might apply.

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