



## Summary of Access and Privacy Legislation

### **The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act - Alberta)**

- Applies to information that is in the custody or control of public bodies in Alberta
- Strikes a balance between the public's right to know and an individual's right to privacy
- Protects privacy by setting controls in which a **public body** may collect, use or disclose personal information
- Allows individuals with the right to access their own information
- Provides a right of access to information in the custody or control of a public body

### **Health Information Act (HIA - Alberta)**

- Applies to health records in the custody or control of custodians, as defined in the *Act*
- Enables health information to be shared and accessed, where appropriate, to provide health services and to manage the health system
- Allows individuals with the right to access health information about themselves

### **Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA - Alberta)**

- Applies to private sector organizations, to govern the means by which they collect, use or disclose personal information
- Applies to non-profit organizations when engaging in a commercial activity
- Recognizes both the right of an individual to access their personal information, and the needs of the organization

### **Privacy Act (Canada)**

- Applies to federal government institutions, as identified in the schedule
- Applies to all personal information the federal government collects, uses and discloses about individuals or federal employees
- Relates to an individual's right to access and correct information the Government of Canada holds about them