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AIMS

To understand

- The meaning of personal information
- The dangers on my personal information
- How to protect my personal information

CONCEPTS

- My Privacy
- The Law

KNOWLEDGE

- Examples of my personal information
- Places keeping my personal information
- Possible dangers on my personal information
- Authority which protects personal information
- Technology and protection of personal information

ACTIVITY 1

What is Personal Information?

Step 1: Ask students to complete the following exercise on a sheet of paper.

My Name:

My Age:

I live:

My Dad or Mother's name is:

My Best Friend is:

I like to:

I want to become:

Step 2:

Collect all the papers and randomly choose 5 of them.

Read out the answers loudly and identify the student who wrote it.

Lessons learned:

1. My name, my age, my address, my dad/mother's name, my best friend, likes and dislikes form part of **MY PERSONAL INFORMATION**.
2. **MY PERSONAL INFORMATION** can identify **ME!!**

ACTIVITY 2

List down all the places that keep my information

		Yes (<i>tick</i>)	No (<i>tick</i>)
1.	My School		
2.	Hospital		
3.	Bank		
4.	My dentist		
5.	My school van/bus		
6.	My library		
7.	My gymnasium		

My information is available in many places.

ACTIVITY 3

Identify the forms of information

Can my information be ...



... on paper?



... on a laptop?



... on a mobile phone?

My personal information can be on paper or electronic.

Who keeps my personal information?

Examples:



1. A doctor



2. A Company



3. A Sports Club



4. A Library

A data controller is a person or organisation who decides on how to collect and use personal information



A Data controller must keep my personal information safely

ACTIVITY 4

Dangers on my personal information

Request all students to raise their hands to answer by 'yes' or 'no' to these questions:

1. Would you be happy if someone puts a camera in your house and see what you are doing?
2. Would you like if someone uses wrongly your exam results?
3. Would you be happy if someone listens to your phone conversation with your best friend?
4. Would you like if someone puts your photo on the Internet without asking your permission?
5. Would you like if someone uses your card and steals a book from the library?

Lessons Learned:

- No-one will like that somebody else uses his/her personal information without permission.
- Some people might use my personal information wrongly.

Hmm.. So,
Do I have the right to privacy?

Yes, everyone has his/her right of respect for his/her private life.

Quick Summary

My personal information is private.

I should protect my information.

I should not let someone else use my personal information for wrong things.

How can I protect my information?



Ideas for Action

- Do not give your personal information to strangers.
- Do not use someone else's photo without asking his/her permission.
- Do not give your personal information by phone/email to someone you do not know.
- Always keep your personal information in a secure place, for example, in a file.
- Never use someone else's personal information without asking his/her permission.
- Never eavesdrop on someone else's private conversations.



Is there any law in Mauritius to protect personal information?

Yes, there is a law in Mauritius to protect personal information

Question: Which law protects personal information in Mauritius?

Answer: The Data Protection Act

Question: Which office implements the Data Protection law in Mauritius?

Answer: The Data Protection Office

Question: Is it an international law?

Answer: Yes



ACTIVITY 5

Match the term to its definition:

My name is an example of

is every person's right

Data Protection Office

law protecting
personal information

Privacy

is the office which implements
Data Protection law in Mauritius

Data Controller

personal information

Data Protection Act

decides on how to collect and
use personal information

ACTIVITY 6

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word below:

The Data _____ Act (DPA) gives an _____ the right to know what _____ is held about him/her. This law ensures that _____ information is handled properly.

(Individual, Personal, Protection, Information)

Technology and Data Protection

Have you heard of facebook?

What is it?

What do we do there?

Facebook is a website where people share a lot of personal info, photos, etc.

To protect our personal information, we should be extra careful when we use facebook and similar sites.

My Basic Data Protection Checklist

Ask Students to make a checklist of what they have learnt

- My name, address, age, parents' name, etc., are my personal information, which are private.
- My personal information is available in many places.
- I should always protect my personal information.
- The Data Protection Act is the law which protects personal information.
- The Data Protection Office implements Data Protection Law in Mauritius.

Where do i get more info?



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