

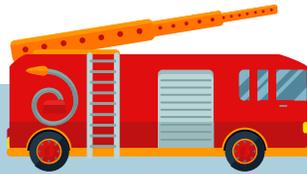


# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE B.C. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE CLOUD



## WHAT IS BILL 35?

Bill 35 received Royal Assent and became law on 31 October 2019. This bill provided extensive changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, specifically to section 33.1 regarding accessing data outside of Canada.



## SYSTEM FAILURES

Bill 35 added to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act a provision regarding the transfer of data outside of Canada in the event of a system failure. Disclosure is permitted outside of Canada if it is in relation to "data recovery that is being undertaken following a failure of an electronic system". For Office 365 clients, this means it is now permissible for data to be transferred to the United States if the data centres in Toronto and Quebec City were down.

## TRAVEL OUTSIDE CANADA

Disclosure of information is also acceptable in circumstances where "the individual is temporarily travelling outside of Canada". For Office 365 clients, this includes logging in and accessing files while outside of Canada.



## INSTALLATION AND SUPPORT

The Act also allows for disclosure of data outside of Canada where it is necessary for "installing, implementing, maintaining, repairing, trouble shooting, or upgrading an electronic system". For Office 365 clients, this includes accessing Microsoft support that is based outside of Canada.



We're not lawyers, but we see this as our green light to implement cloud solutions in British Columbia. Ready to get started? Let's talk!

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