

Privacy Statement

Lotus Speech Canada Buddhist Society is committed to protecting your privacy through privacy practices that are designed to achieve this goal and adhere to legislated requirements. Lotus Speech values your trust. During the course of our day-to-day operations we routinely gather and use personal information. Therefore, we recognize that maintaining this trust requires us to be transparent and accountable for how we treat the personal information you choose to share with us.

Defining personal information and public information

Personal information is defined as any information that can be used to distinguish, identify or contact a specific individual (such as age, gender, income, ethnic background, family status, etc). This information can include an individual's opinions or beliefs, as well facts about, or related to, the individual (such as religion, political views, giving patterns and preferences, and other views and opinions). Certain personal information may be collected, used and disclosed without consent but only if that information is considered by law to be in the public domain. Sources of public information include telephone and professional directories, newspapers, periodicals and public registries, and the like.

Privacy practices

Lotus Speech collects personal information by lawful means and shall not mislead individuals about the purposes for which information is being collected. Personal information will not be used or disclosed for purposes other than those for which it was collected--except with the consent of the individual, or as required by law.

Personal information is collected, used and disclosed only for purposes that a reasonable person would consider appropriate in light of the circumstances. Personal information gathered by our organization is kept in confidence. Our personnel are authorized to access personal information based only on their need to deal with the information for the reason(s) for which it was obtained. Safeguards are in place to ensure that the information is not disclosed or shared more widely than is necessary to achieve the purpose for which it was gathered. We take measures to ensure the integrity of the information is maintained and prevent it from being lost, stolen, or inappropriately destroyed. We do not rent, sell or trade personal information.

Website and electronic commerce

Lotus Speech uses password protocols to safeguard personal information stored on computers. Information on paper is either under supervision or secured in a locked or restricted area. Should we set up e-commerce we will use encryption software to protect personal and other information we receive when a product or service is requested and/or paid for on-line. We will routinely update our software to maximize protection of such information.

Updating our privacy policy

We regularly review our organizations policies and practices and will update our policy on privacy as necessary. Current information will be posted on this page.

Contact information

Lotus Speech makes readily available specific information about its policies and practices related to the management of personal information.

Further information on privacy, and your rights with regards to your personal information, can be found on the website of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada: www.privcom.gc.ca.

Approved by the board of Lotus Speech Buddhist Society Canada.