

CENTRIST PARTY OF CANADA PRIVACY POLICY

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Privacy Statement

The Centrist Party of Canada is committed to collecting information responsibly, using it honestly, protecting it carefully, and preventing misuse. This Policy overrides the Party's previous privacy commitments, governance controls, and policies.

1. Purpose and Commitment

The Centrist Party of Canada ("the Party") is committed to protecting the personal information of its members, supporters, volunteers, donors, candidates, electoral district associations (EDAs), employees, contractors, and members of the public. The Party treats privacy as a matter of legal compliance, trust, accountability, and responsible governance.

This Policy explains what personal information the Party may collect, how it is used and shared, the safeguards applied to protect it, and how individuals may make privacy requests or complaints.

2. Legal and Compliance Framework

This Policy is guided by the Canada Elections Act and Elections Canada requirements for registered political parties, including Bill C-25 changes in force, and the additional political-party privacy-policy requirements scheduled to apply on September 21, 2026.

The Party will update this Policy when applicable legal or Elections Canada requirements change.

The Policy will be made publicly available in English and French, written in plain language, and overseen by a designated Privacy Officer.

3. Personal Information We Collect and How We Obtain It

Personal information means information about an identifiable individual.

The Party collects only information reasonably necessary for lawful political, membership, electoral, financial, communications, and administrative purposes.

Information may be obtained:

- directly from individuals through membership, volunteer, donation, event, petition, newsletter, candidate, nomination, or other Party forms;
- during Party and campaign outreach, including door-to-door activities;
- from publicly available sources;
- from information provided to the Party through Elections Canada where permitted or required; and

- through website and electronic systems, including limited technical information such as IP addresses, cookies, referring URLs, pages visited, and form submissions.

Information may include name, address, email, telephone number, electoral district, membership status, volunteer interests, EDA or candidate information, donation and receipt information, event registration, communication preferences, records of consent or approvals, limited account-access records, commitments made to the Party, and information individuals voluntarily choose to share about political issues or voting preferences.

Demographic information will be collected only where it is necessary, lawful, relevant to Party activities, and not excessive.

4. How We Use Personal Information

The Party may use personal information to:

- Maintain membership and organizational records;
- Communicate about Party activities, policies, campaigns, news, meetings, training, consultations, and events;
- Recruit and coordinate volunteers and local teams;
- Support candidate nominations and campaign activities;
- Process lawful contributions and issue receipts;
- Meet Canada Elections Act and Elections Canada reporting obligations;
- Administer Party operations and improve internal organization and public communications; and
- protect Party systems and prevent misuse.

The Party will not sell personal information.

It will not mislead individuals about the purpose for which information is collected and will not disclose personal information publicly for the purpose of causing harm.

Personal information will not be used for a purpose inconsistent with this Policy unless permitted or required by law or otherwise appropriately authorized.

These prohibitions will apply to the Party and to any person or entity acting on its behalf, including candidates, EDAs, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and representatives.

5. Disclosure and Sharing

Personal information may be shared within the Party where there is a legitimate Party purpose and access is necessary for assigned responsibilities, including with authorized national or regional Party bodies, EDAs, candidates, nomination contestants, and campaign teams.

The Party may engage service providers such as donation/payment processors, website and technology providers, communications or calling services, software vendors, consultants, and other contractors.

Before transferring information, the Party will use written agreements or documented safeguards appropriate to the circumstances.

Service providers receiving Party information must protect it, use it only for the approved purpose, and must not sell, misuse, improperly disclose, or retain it beyond the authorized purpose.

Any person or entity receiving Party information will be required to protect that information to a standard consistent with this Policy. Before access is granted, recipients will sign an acknowledgment or agreement confirming their responsibility to safeguard the information, use it only for the approved purpose, not make unauthorized copies, and return or securely delete it when their authorized role ends, subject to legal, electoral, financial, or administrative record-retention requirements.

Information required by the Canada Elections Act or Elections Canada may be disclosed to Elections Canada as required by law.

6. Access Controls and Internal Responsibilities

Access to personal information is based on role and necessity. Authorized individuals may access only the minimum information required for their assigned work.

Officers, employees, volunteers, EDA organizers, candidates, campaign teams, financial agents, registered agents, contractors, and other representatives acting **on behalf of** the Party must follow this Policy.

Shared passwords are prohibited.

Personal devices must not be used for Party information unless approved and appropriately protected.

Personal information must not be copied, downloaded, exported, printed, transferred, or shared outside approved Party systems or approved procedures.

Sensitive records must be stored only in approved Party systems.

When an individual leaves a Party role, access must be removed promptly and Party information must not remain in their possession.

7. Security Safeguards

The Party will maintain physical, organizational, and technological safeguards with a level of protection proportionate to the sensitivity of the information.

Measures may include individual password-protected accounts, multi-factor authentication, restricted-access folders, encryption where available, secure approved systems, access logging where possible, periodic access reviews, locked storage for paper records, secure deletion, and approved security/compliance tools.

The Party will review and improve its security practices as appropriate to reduce the risk of unauthorized access, use, alteration, disclosure, loss, or theft.

Bulk member, donor, voter-contact, and financial lists will receive heightened safeguards because their misuse could cause significant harm to individuals, the Party, and public trust.

8. Privacy Training

Privacy training is mandatory for individuals who handle Party information, including officers, employees, volunteers, EDA organizers, candidates and campaign teams, financial agents, registered agents, and relevant contractors or service providers.

Training will address personal information, appropriate collection and use, consent where applicable, secure storage and transfer, email and spreadsheet safety, donation and financial privacy, EDA and candidate responsibilities, prohibited uses, and privacy-breach reporting.

Access to sensitive or bulk Party information will not be provided until required training and applicable responsibility acknowledgements are completed.

9. Donations and Financial Information

Donation and financial information is treated as sensitive information and is accessible only to authorized financial officers, agents, auditors, and approved Party officials.

The Party will maintain contribution records and receipts and comply with applicable Elections Canada requirements.

The Party will follow all applicable contribution rules. Cash and anonymous contributions of small amounts will be accepted only where permitted and recorded as required.

Larger contributions will be accepted only with proper records, contributor identification, and receipts.

The Party will not accept prohibited contribution methods, including crypto-assets, money orders, or prepaid payment products.

Financial information will be collected, used, stored, and disclosed only as necessary for lawful processing, reporting, auditing, and related Party administration.

10. Privacy Breach Response

A privacy breach includes the loss, theft, unauthorized access, unauthorized disclosure, or misuse of personal information.

Anyone who becomes aware of a suspected breach must report it immediately to the Privacy Officer or designated Party contact.

The Party will take reasonable steps to contain the breach, restrict access where necessary, document what occurred, and identify the information and individuals potentially affected.

If it is reasonable in the circumstances to believe that the breach creates a real risk of significant harm, affected individuals will be informed as soon as feasible. Elections Canada will be notified where required by law, requested by Elections Canada, or found appropriate under Elections Canada guidance.

The Party will review the cause of a breach and strengthen safeguards where appropriate.

11. Data Minimization Retention and Secure Disposal

The Party will collect only information needed for legitimate purposes and retain it only as long as reasonably required for membership, electoral, financial, legal, or administrative purposes, subject to applicable record-retention obligations.

Outdated information will be reviewed and securely deleted or archived as appropriate.

Duplicate spreadsheets and unofficial copies will be avoided unless specifically authorized for an approved Party purpose.

Former officers, candidates, volunteers, EDAs, and contractors will return or securely delete Party personal information when their authorized role ends, without making unauthorized copies, subject to legal, electoral, financial, and administrative record-retention requirements.

12. Website Cookies and External Links

The Party may log IP addresses and use cookies or similar technologies for website administration, troubleshooting, traffic analysis, and understanding website use, including dates and times of visits, pages visited, and referring URLs.

Where available, individuals may manage cookie settings through their browser or the website.

The Party website may contain links to third-party websites. The Party is not responsible for the content or privacy practices of those external websites.

13. Individual Requests Communications and Complaints

Individuals will have access to the Privacy Officer to make privacy inquiries, request correction of inaccurate information, where operationally feasible, update communication preferences, request removal from non-essential communications, or raise questions or complaints about privacy practices.

Responses will be subject to identity verification, legal and electoral record-retention obligations, and operational limits.

Individuals may unsubscribe from electronic communications where an unsubscribe option is applicable.

Where electronic messages are subject to Canada's anti-spam legislation, the Party will comply with applicable consent and unsubscribe requirements.

Political communications that are exempt from those requirements will be handled in accordance with applicable law.

14. Privacy Officer and Accountability

The Party will appoint a Privacy Officer responsible for overseeing this Policy.

The Privacy Officer will maintain and update the Policy, ensure public availability in English and French, maintain privacy training records, review access to sensitive Party information, respond to privacy questions and complaints, manage privacy breaches, and attend at least one Elections Canada privacy meeting per calendar year or appoint a delegate to attend.

Privacy compliance will be reviewed at least annually.

Changes to this Policy or the designated privacy contact will be submitted to Elections Canada within the timelines required by law or Elections Canada guidance and reflected on the Party website as soon as possible.

15. Contact

Privacy Officer: Muhammad Imtiaz Khan

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Phone: 647 894 2794

For privacy questions, requests, or complaints, please use the contact information published by the Party on its official website.

The Party will make reasonable efforts to respond appropriately and in a timely manner.

Core Principle

Public trust begins with disciplined internal conduct. Every person acting on behalf of the Party is responsible for protecting personal information and following Party Policy.