

## CASE STUDY:

### PRIVACY IN THE PARK

Spusm Provincial Park maintains records of all individuals who camp in the park during a season. The purpose for these records includes: 1) public safety; 2) deterrence of vandalism; and, 3) research and park program evaluation. The registrants fill in a form that requests name, address, licence plate number, Social Insurance Number and number of occupants in the party. The park manager sends every patron a Christmas greeting in the year they visited the park.

What, if any or all of the above, can the park manager do?

**ANSWER:** All of the above except SIN and Christmas cards. SIN must have Federal authority related to income tax. Cards are outside the mandate of the parks program.

Don't necessarily need to give street address, but city or town is useful for research purposes. Driver's license is important for emergencies - park staff would give license # to police to contact your family in case of emergency. Also, park staff may need to contact you if there were contaminants in the water or you were exposed to a toxin or to provide information in case of vandalism etc...# of occupants is important for emergencies - i.e. if lost they know how many to look for etc...

Bonus for anyone who figures out that the park should have a form that tells authority for collecting the information, the purpose for collecting it and a contact for anyone who wants more information.