Protect Your Identity—Your Birth Certificate

Why is it important?

- Your birth certificate is a legal document issued by the Province.

- Your birth certificate is your most valuable identity document.

- It's what you need to get other important identification documents like your driver's licence, passport, and social insurance number.

- If your birth certificate is lost or stolen, you could be at risk for identity theft.

Keep it safe.

- Keep your birth certificate in a safe place and carry it on you only when absolutely necessary.

- Do not keep your birth certificate and passport together! If you lose your passport, you will need your birth certificate to replace it.

Take care of it.

- If you tamper or alter your birth certificate in any way, including having it laminated, it will become invalid.

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