

## News release

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### Investigation confirms proper safeguards were in place for stolen laptop computer

An investigation by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has determined that East Central Health had proper safeguards in place to protect health information contained on a laptop computer which had been stolen.

The laptop was stolen from the Two Hills Health Centre Diagnostic Imaging Unit and contained health information of more than 1,500 individuals. The laptop was recovered by police about an hour after it had been stolen.

The investigation determined that proper safeguards were in place so the information stored on the laptop could not be compromised including full encryption and adequate physical security.

The investigator found that the health region had proper safeguards and security measures in place, and that the region was also working on enhancing its security policies. She commended East Central Health for its proactive management of the situation from the development of a privacy impact assessment through to voluntarily advising the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the potential privacy breach.

To obtain a copy of the [investigation report](#), please visit our website at [www.oipc.ab.ca](http://www.oipc.ab.ca)

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