



# Data Protection and Use Policy (DPUP)

## Information sharing guidelines



Te Tari Taiwhenua  
Internal Affairs

Data Protection  
& Use Policy

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DPUP is designed to work well with the Privacy Act 2020, Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 and Family Violence Information Sharing provisions.

Together they empower agencies to work ethically and legally when they collect, use or share data or information about people as part of their work.

The Privacy Act 2020 has 13 principles that must be followed. They cover things like collecting, storing, using or disclosing (sharing) personal information.

The Privacy Act 2020 says you can, if necessary, share personal information to prevent or lessen a serious threat to either:

- public health or public safety
- the life or health of that person, or of another person.

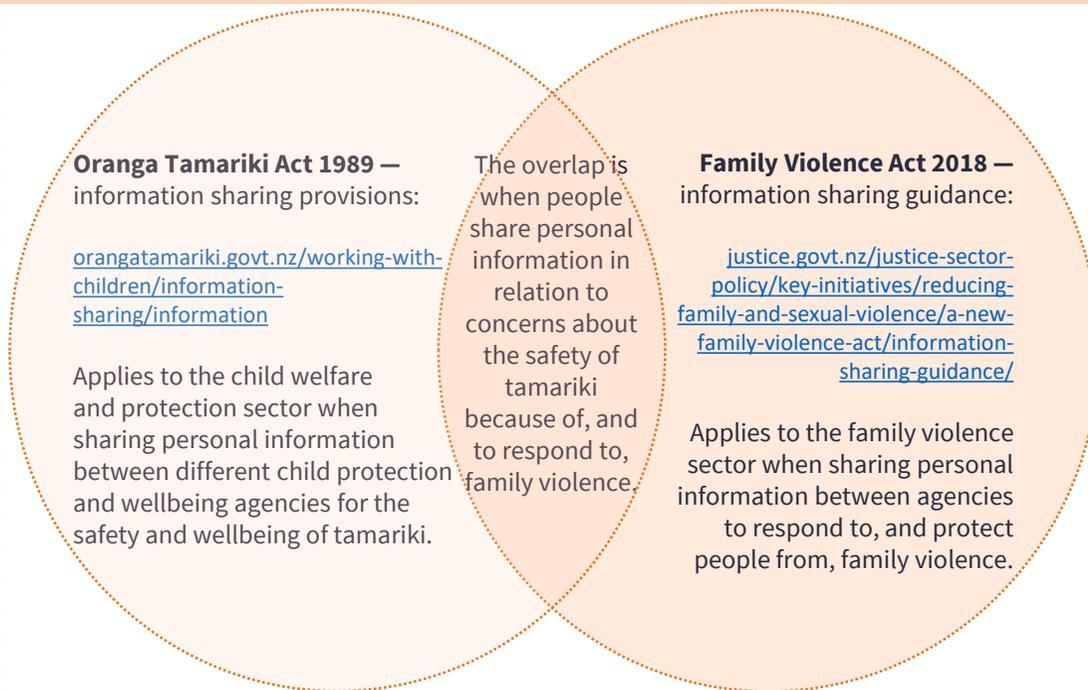
For example, this might relate to concerns for a child’s safety, family violence, or mental health.

The Oranga Tamariki information sharing provisions and Family Violence information sharing guidance have additional obligations and abilities that are above and beyond the Privacy Act 2020. If these apply, all other parts of the Act (for example, safe storage) still need to be met.

The Family Violence guidance and DPUP encourage transparency with people about sharing their personal information whenever possible (if it’s safe and makes sense given the person’s age, competence and situation). The Oranga Tamariki provisions require this.

Nothing in DPUP contradicts the Privacy Act 2020. Rather DPUP:

- describes what is reasonable and fair with respect to privacy, information collection and use
- defines principles about common expectations for values and behaviours to refer to when working with people’s information
- describes Privacy Act 2020 principles in the day-to-day context for agencies
- goes further than the Privacy Act 2020 by describing expectations for the transparent, trustworthy and respectful use of people’s information, even when it doesn’t or can’t identify them.



**The Data Protection and Use Policy** [digital.govt.nz/dpup](http://digital.govt.nz/dpup)

This sets out 5 Principles and 4 Guidelines about collection and use of data or information from or about people that can or cannot identify who they are, for any purpose.

**The Privacy Act** [Privacy Act 2020](http://Privacy Act 2020)

Sets out legal requirements about privacy that apply to almost every person, business and organisation in New Zealand. The Privacy Act 2020 includes privacy principles that guide how personal information, that does, or can, identify people, can be collected, used, stored and shared.