

BJRI PRIVACY DATA HANDLING INFORMATION GOVERNANCE AND DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING FRAMEWORK

BLACK JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Institutional Information Governance and Digital Conduct Framework

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to establish the privacy, data handling, information governance, cyber-security, and digital safeguarding principles governing the activities of the Black Justice Research Institute (“BJRI”).

The Institute recognises that responsible information governance is necessary to support safeguarding, procedural fairness, institutional trust, lawful conduct, and public confidence.

2. CORE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The Institute supports:

- lawful information handling,
- proportionality,
- safeguarding awareness,
- procedural fairness,
- evidential discipline,
- transparency where appropriate,
- and responsible digital conduct.

The Institute does not support:

- unlawful disclosure,
- reckless publication,
- harassment through publication activity,
- unauthorised access to information,
- or unsafe digital practices.

3. DATA HANDLING PRINCIPLES

The Institute recognises that information may include:

- personal data,
- sensitive communications,
- safeguarding-related information,
- research material,
- institutional documentation,
- and public-interest materials.

Information handling should therefore remain proportionate, secure, carefully documented, and consistent with lawful conduct obligations.

4. DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING

The Institute recognises:

- cyber-security risks,
- reputational safeguarding concerns,
- digital harassment risks,
- misinformation risks,
- and escalation risks associated with online activity.

Digital activity associated with the Institute should therefore support:

- lawful conduct,
- public protection,
- responsible communication,
- and reduction of unnecessary escalation risks.

5. EVIDENTIAL DISCIPLINE

The Institute distinguishes between:

- verified fact,
- allegation,
- disputed claim,
- reported experience,
- perception,

- and speculation.

Digital publication activity should not present speculation, perception, or allegation as established fact without appropriate evidential foundation.

6. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION SAFEGUARDS

Research and publication activity should support:

- methodological neutrality,
- analytical restraint,
- careful documentation,
- procedural fairness,
- and lawful conduct.

The Institute rejects manipulative publication practices, inflammatory conduct, ideological extremism, and reckless dissemination of unverified information.

7. RECORD PRESERVATION

The Institute supports responsible preservation of:

- institutional records,
- governance documents,
- research materials,
- safeguarding documentation,
- and public-interest publications.

Record preservation should support transparency, institutional continuity, and evidential integrity where reasonably appropriate.

8. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Institute recognises that institutional credibility depends substantially upon:

- responsible information governance,
- safeguarding seriousness,
- lawful conduct,
- evidential discipline,
- proportionality,

- and analytical restraint.

9. CONCLUSION

The Institute's information governance framework is grounded in procedural fairness, safeguarding awareness, public protection, lawful conduct, and responsible institutional behaviour.

The Institute supports careful, proportionate, and evidence-based information management practices consistent with long-term institutional credibility.