



Northwood United Church

'Embracing All of God's Creation with the Love of Christ'

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Social Media and Photography Policy

Privacy in Public Spaces

Under British Columbia's *Privacy Act*, there is generally no legal cause of action for violation of privacy when photographs are taken in public spaces where individuals are not in a private or secluded situation (e.g., the Minister's Office or a private event in the sanctuary). While Northwood United Church is private property, many activities function similarly to public spaces unless specific restrictions are posted.

Should you wish to opt out of having your picture taken, please contact the Northwood United Church office at office@northwood-united.org or by phone at 604-581-8454.

Best Practices

To respect privacy and ensure safe, inclusive communication, Northwood United Church follows these practices:

- **Group Moments:** We focus on group photos, so no single child is easily identifiable.
- **No Names:** We don't post full names or personal details with photos, unless permission is given.
- **Celebrate Creatively:** We highlight activities in ways that protect privacy—like showing hands at work on crafts, backs turned during worship, or feet running in the field.
- **Where We Share:** Photos from public events may be posted on our Facebook page, Instagram, church website, TV in the Gathering Area, or included in PowerPoint presentations.

Our goal is to celebrate the life of the church while keeping children and families safe and respected.