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MEMORANDUM

TO / À: OMHA Members Associations

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CC / CC: **OMHA Officers**
OMHA Executive Members

DATE: March 09, 2004

SUBJECT/OBJECT: **CAMERA PHONES AND PDA'S IN CHANGE ROOMS**

Technology advancements have allowed cell phones and PDA's (personal digital assistants) to carry new functions - such as cameras that allow users to secretly photograph objects in front of them while appearing to dial a number.

The ability to snap photos without others knowing has raised significant concern. The potential exists for deviant behaviour of camera-phone users photographing other patrons undressing or showering in locker rooms.

The Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (O.R.F.A.) has issued a Facility Alert.

O.R.F.A. President, Dan McArthur recommends that signage be posted immediately that

"Prohibits the use of cell phones, and personal digital assistants in all recreation facility change rooms".

The OMHA acknowledges the recommendation of O.R.F.A. and directs all members to govern themselves accordingly.

For more information please contact the Ontario Minor Hockey Association or visit the OMHA web site at www.omha.net

Sincerely,

ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Richard Ropchan
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