

SECRET: Compromise of this information could reasonably be expected to cause serious injury to the National Interest.

Examples of **SECRET** material are:

- Records of discussions of the Cabinet or Cabinet committees
- Details of important international negotiations
- Scientific or technical developments relating to national defence or national security

CONFIDENTIAL: Compromise of this information could reasonably be expected to cause injury to the National Interest.

Examples of **CONFIDENTIAL** material are:

- Record of discussions of interdepartmental committees
- Instructions on the protection of highly classified information
- Reports from Missions or from Canada that may be of advantage to foreign powers or that might cause an injury to international relations

Designated Information

Information that, if it were compromised, could cause injury to other interests for which the Government has assumed an obligation. This information is sensitive but outside the National Interest.

PROTECTED C: Extremely sensitive: applies to the very limited amount of information that, if compromised, could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave injury outside the National Interest.

Examples of **PROTECTED C** material are:

- Safety of individuals
- Important commercial information
- Law enforcement

PROTECTED B: Particularly sensitive: applies to information that, if compromised, could reasonably be expected to cause serious injury outside the National Interest. Serious injury includes “lasting harm or embarrassment that will have direct negative effects on an individual’s career, reputation, financial position, safety, health or well-being”.

Examples of **PROTECTED B** material are:

- Solicitor-client privilege
- Federal-provincial relations
- Company financial information and business agreements
- Long-term strategies and tactics