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| **Examples** | - Research information classified as Level 5 by an IRB or otherwise required to be stored or processed in a high security environment and on a computer not connected to the Harvard data networks  
- Certain individually identifiable medical records and genetic information, categorized as extremely sensitive |
| **4** | Information that would likely cause serious harm to individuals or the University if disclosed. |
| **Examples** | - High Risk Confidential Information (HRCI) and research information classified as Level 4 by an IRB  
- Personally identifiable financial or medical information  
- Information commonly used to establish identity that is protected by state, federal, or foreign privacy laws and regulations  
- Individually identifiable genetic information that is not Level 5  
- National security information (subject to specific government requirements)  
- Passwords and Harvard PINs that can be used to access confidential information |
| **3** | Information that could cause risk of material harm to individuals or the University if disclosed. |
| **Examples** | - Research information classified as Level 3 by an IRB  
- Information protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to the extent it is not covered under Level 4 including non-directory student information and directory information about students who have requested a FERPA block  
- HUIDs associated with names or any other information that could identify individuals  
- Harvard personnel records (employees may discuss terms and conditions of employment with each other and third parties)  
- Institutional financial records  
- Individual donor information  
- Personal information protected under most other state, federal and foreign privacy laws not classified as Level 4 or 5 |
| **2** | Information the disclosure of which would not cause material harm, but which the University has chosen to keep confidential. |
| **Examples** | - Unpublished research work and intellectual property not in Level 3 or 4  
- Research information classified as Level 2 by an IRB  
- Patent applications and work papers, drafts of research papers  
- Building plans and information about the University physical plant |
| **1** | Public information. |
| **Examples** | - Research data that has been de-identified in accordance with applicable rules  
- Published research  
- Published information about the University  
- Course catalogs  
- Directory information about students who have not requested a FERPA block  
- Faculty and staff directory information |

Need more detailed information? See the expanded Data Classification Table.
Need to talk to an expert? Contact rdsap@harvard.edu for research data and data use agreement questions and ithelp@harvard.edu for all other security questions. Report any data breach to your Help Desk.  

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