

Table 1 Minimum use and storage protections for security classified information

	Sensitive information		Security classified information		
	OFFICIAL	OFFICIAL: Sensitive	PROTECTED	SECRET	TOP SECRET
	1 Low business impact	2 Low to medium business impact	3 High business impact	4 Extreme business impact	5 Catastrophic business impact
Protect information when stored or used	✓ Apply clear desk and screen protections.	✓ Apply clear desk and screen protections.	✓ Apply clear desk and screen protections.	✓ Apply clear desk and screen protections.	✓ Apply clear desk and screen protections.
a. when unattended – with a clear desk (for papers and removable storage media) and a clear screen for information processing facilities					
b. in Zone One Public access.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access, locked commercial container recommended. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access, SCEC Class C container recommended. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✗ not to be stored unless unavoidable. If unavoidable, SCEC Class C container, commercial safe or vault. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✗ Not to be stored. ^{Note i} Use: ✗ Not to be used unless exceptional circumstances. a. originating entity approval required.	Storage: ✗ Not to be stored. Use: ✗ Not to be used.
c. in Zone Two Restricted public access. Unrestricted access for authorised personnel. May use single factor authentication for access control.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if in SCEC Class C container. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✗ Not to be stored unless exceptional circumstances. a. originating entity approval required b. SCEC Class A container. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✗ Not to be stored. Use: ✗ Not to be used.
d. in Zone Three No public access. Visitor access only for visitors with a need to know and close escort. Restricted access for authorised personnel. Single factor authentication for access control.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access, SCEC Class C container recommended. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if in SCEC Class B container. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✗ Not to be stored unless exceptional circumstances a. originating entity approval and ASIO-T4 advice required b. storage period up to five days in SCEC Class A container. Use: ✓ Permitted.
e. in Zone Four No public access. Visitor access only for visitors with a need to know and with close escort. Restricted access for authorised personnel with appropriate security clearance. Single factor authentication for access control.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if secured from unauthorised access. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if in SCEC Class C container. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✗ Not to be stored unless exceptional circumstances. a. originating entity approval and ASIO-T4 advice required b. storage period up to five days in SCEC Class B container. Use: ✓ Permitted.
f. in Zone Five No public access. Visitor access only for visitors with a need to know and with close escort. Restricted access for authorised personnel with appropriate security clearance. Dual factor authentication for access control.	Storage: ✓ Permitted. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if in SCEC Class C container. Use: ✓ Permitted.	Storage: ✓ Permitted if in SCEC Class B container. Use: ✓ Permitted.

Table 8 notes

ⁱ While SECRET information is not stored in Zone One, storage of other (physical) assets is permitted if in a high security safe or vault. See the [Australian Standard 3809 Safes and strongrooms](#) for further information.