

Table 3 Minimum protective markings for sensitive and security classified information

Protective marking	Sensitive information		Security classified information		
	OFFICIAL	OFFICIAL: Sensitive	PROTECTED	SECRET	TOP SECRET
Business impact level	1 Low business impact	2 Low to medium business impact	3 High business impact	4 Extreme business impact	5 Catastrophic business impact
Identify information with text-based markings used unless impractical for operational reasons	Marking not required.	Text marking required: OFFICIAL: Sensitive	Text marking required: PROTECTED	Text marking required: SECRET	Text marking required: TOP SECRET
If text-based markings cannot be used, use colour-based markings	Marking not required.	Marking not required.	Blue colour marking required (if text marking cannot be used).	Salmon (pink) colour marking required (if text marking cannot be used).	Red colour marking required (if text marking cannot be used).
If text or colour-based markings cannot be used, document the entity marking scheme and train personnel appropriately	Marking not required.	Marking not required.	Entity marking scheme required.	Entity marking scheme required.	Entity marking scheme required.
Identify information with reference markings ¹	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	✓ Page numbering required.	✓ Page and reference numbering required.

¹ Accountable material requires page and reference numbering even if the sensitivity or classification of the material would not otherwise require it.