



Lawful Government Purpose

- A pro-active standard for sharing or restricting access to CUI:
- **Lawful Government Purpose** is any activity, mission, function, operation, or endeavor that the U.S. Government authorizes or recognizes as within the scope of its legal authorities or the legal authorities of non-executive branch entities (such as state and local law enforcement).

[32 CFR 2002.4 (bb): <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/14/2016-21665/controlled-unclassified-information>]



Focus on Purpose

WHEN TO SHARE?

- If access promotes a common project or operation between agencies or under a contract or agreement with the designating agency, then share.

WHEN TO NOT TO SHARE?

- If access harms or inhibits a common project or operation between agencies or under a contract or agreement with the designating agency, then do not share.



Follow the Law

Apply agency policy for safeguarding and handling information marked:

- CUI Basic
- CUI Specified
- or with Limited Dissemination Controls

(as derived from the ISOO CUI Registry:

<https://www.archives.gov/cui/registry/category-list>)

Limited Dissemination Controls

Authorized Holders

apply
Limited
Dissemination
Controls –
to promote a
Lawful
Government
Purpose;
only

Authorized Holders
may apply
ISOO-approved
Limited
Dissemination
Controls
to agency information.

See: ISOO CUI Registry:
<https://www.nara.gov/cui/registry/category-list>.

NOFORN
No Foreign Dissemination
FED ONLY
Federal Employees Only
FEDCON
Federal Employees and Contractors Only
NOCON
No Dissemination to Contractors
DL ONLY
Dissemination List Controls
REL TO XXXX
Authorized for release to certain nationals only
DISPLAY ONLY
Display Only





Permit Access and Dissemination

If sharing:

- Is not prohibited by law, Federal regulation, or Government-wide policy
- Furthers a Lawful Government Purpose
- Not subject to Limited Dissemination Controls

Achieve the Best Results

Lawful Government Purpose is a dynamic standard:

- **Protect what needs to be protected.**
- **Share CUI with other Executive branch agencies and non-Federal partners, as prescribed by law, Federal regulation, and Government-wide policy, when doing so will most effectively achieve the authorized mission.**