

# *ISOO Training Tip #3*

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### **TOPIC:**

#### **What is “Classified National Security Information (CNSI)?”**

Classified National Security Information (CNSI) is information on the national defense and foreign relations of the United States, including information relating to defense against transnational terrorism, that has been determined pursuant to [Executive Order 13526](#), or any predecessor order, to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and is marked to indicate its classified status when in documentary form.

#### **How do I know if the information is CNSI?**

The information meets the classification standards as described in Executive Order 13526, Section 1.1. Information may only be classified under the terms of the Order if all of the conditions are met. The conditions are:

- The information has been classified by an original classification authority;
  - Individuals who have been explicitly granted the authority under Executive Order 13526, Section 1.3. This includes the President, Vice-President, agency heads designated by the President ([Original Classification Authority](#)), and officials designated either by the President or other official delegated the authority under Section 1.3(c) of the Order)
- The information is owned, produced by or for, or is under the control of the United State government;
- The information falls within one or more of the categories listed in [Section 1.4](#) of the Order;
- The original classification authority determines the unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in damage to national security and is able to describe the damage.

#### **What is not CNSI?**

Documents held only under one of the following:

- Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended;
- Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949;
- National Security Agency Act of 1959; or
- 10 USC Section 424 for the Defense Intelligence Agency.

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