Information Security

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TOPIC: Information Security Classification

Information security classification is a fundamental step in protecting information assets from risks associated with unauthorized disclosure, use or loss of information. In principle, information is protected proportionate with its value and sensitivity.

Data can be defined as a piece of information. Some types of data will benefit from greater levels of control (for example personal, financial, health data). Data should be classified based on sensitivity and criticality. As data is created, the level of sensitivity and criticality should be defined, so that users of the data will know how to handle it. Also, within applications, data should be classified, this will assist in data segregation (i.e. right person has the right level of access to the data, at the right time).

UPCOMING SECURITY EVENTS:

- **Monthly Defensible Security Conference Call: Jan 23, 2019**
  At the next conference call, 2 control areas will be discussed; Information Security Classification and Security Governance.

- **20th Annual Privacy and Security Conference: Feb 6-8, 2019**
  This three-day conference is recognized as one of the top tier events in North America, drawing an international audience of some 1,000 delegates with an interest in cutting edge policy, programs, law, research, and technologies aimed at the protection of privacy and security. Visit the Privacy and Security Conference website for more information.

- **BC Security Day: May/June 2019**
  The Province organizes two "Security Day" events annually, admission is free, the event can be attended in-person or via webcast. At the event, experts in the field of information security present and discuss topics pertaining to advancement in technology and the associated security implications. Join us for the 2019 spring Security Day to learn about "Smart Cities"; check our website for more information: http://www.gov.bc.ca/securityday.

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