

TLP (Traffic Light Protocol) Definitions

Information will be classified using the Traffic Light Protocol (TLP), defined as:

Color	When should it be used?	How may it be shared?
RED	Sources may use TLP RED when the information's audience must be tightly controlled, because misuse of the information could lead to impacts on a party's privacy, reputation, or operations. The source must specify a target audience to which distribution is restricted.	Recipients may not share TLP RED information with any parties outside of the specific exchange, meeting or conversation in which it is originally disclosed.
AMBER	Sources may use TLP AMBER when information requires support to be effectively acted upon, but carries risks to privacy, reputation, or operations if shared outside of the organizations involved.	Recipients may only share TLP AMBER information with staff in their own organization who need to know, or with service providers to mitigate risks to the member's organization if the providers are contractually obligated to protect the confidentiality of the information. TLP AMBER information can be shared with those parties specified above only as widely as necessary to act on the information.
GREEN	Sources may use TLP GREEN when information is useful for the awareness of all participating organizations as well as with peers within the broader community.	Recipients may share TLP GREEN information with peers, trusted government and critical infrastructure partner organizations, and service providers with whom they have a contractual relationship, who have a need-to-know but not via publicly accessible channels.
WHITE	Sources may use TLP WHITE when information carries minimal or no foreseeable risk of misuse, in accordance with applicable rules and procedures for public release.	TLP WHITE information may be distributed without restriction, subject to copyright controls.