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| ***Level*** | ***Data Classification and Examples (abridged version)*** |
| **5** | ***Information that would cause severe harm to individuals or the University if disclosed.***  |
| * Research information classified as Level 5 by an IRB or otherwise required to be stored or processed in a high security environment and on a computer not connected to the Harvard data networks
* Certain individually identifiable medical records and genetic information, categorized as extremely sensitive
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| **4** | ***Information that would likely cause serious harm to individuals or the University if disclosed.***  |
| * High Risk Confidential Information (HRCI) and research information classified as Level 4 by an IRB
* Personally identifiable financial or medical information
* Information commonly used to establish identity that is protected by state, federal, or foreign privacy laws and regulations
* Individually identifiable genetic information that is not Level 5
* National security information (subject to specific government requirements)
* Passwords and Harvard PINs that can be used to access confidential information
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| **3** | ***Information that could cause risk of material harm to individuals or the University if disclosed.***  |
| * Research information classified as Level 3 by an IRB
* Information protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to the extent it is not covered under Level 4 including non-directory student information and directory information about students who have requested a FERPA block
* HUIDs associated with names or any other information that could identify individuals
* Harvard personnel records (employees may discuss terms and conditions of employment with each other and third parties)
* Institutional financial records
* Individual donor information
* Personal information protected under most other state, federal and foreign privacy laws not classified as Level 4 or 5
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| **2** | ***Information the disclosure of which would not cause material harm, but which the University has chosen to keep confidential.***  |
| * Unpublished research work and intellectual property not in Level 3 or 4
* Research information classified as Level 2 by an IRB
* Patent applications and work papers, drafts of research papers
* Building plans and information about the University physical plant
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| **1** | ***Public information.*** |
| * Research data that has been de-identified in accordance with [applicable rules](http://www.provost.harvard.edu/research_policy_and_compliance/)
* Published research
* Published information about the University
* Course catalogs
* Directory information about students who have not requested a FERPA block
* Faculty and staff directory information
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***Need more detailed information? See the expanded*** [***Data Classification Table.***](http://www.security.harvard.edu)

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