

# CRITICAL INFORMATION CUE CARD



Critical Information is specific facts about friendly intentions, capabilities, and activities needed by adversaries for them to plan and act effectively, so as to guarantee failure or unacceptable consequences for friendly mission accomplishment. Because it is normally UNCLASSIFIED, Critical Information is an adversary's target of choice.

**Seemingly harmless pieces of UNCLASSIFIED information, when combined, can result in an aggregation of sensitive or classified information. Personnel should employ proper Operations Security (OPSEC) procedures to protect critical information.**

## **PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD:**

- **Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), such as Security Classification Guide (SCG) contents**
- **Details of plans, programs, operations, test events, exercises, contract awards, designs and milestones before approved for public release**
- **System/facility vulnerabilities and weaknesses or similar information**
- **Reference of mission associated information such as personnel/equipment deployment dates/locations**
- **Privacy Act/Personally Identifiable Information (PII)**
- **Association of nicknames or code words with programs, projects, or locations**

**Properly destroy (i.e., shred) hardcopy documents which may reveal CUI or critical information. Encrypt emails that may contain or reveal CUI or critical information.**

**Implementing OPSEC at work and home enables mission success by reducing adversary options to collect critical information or personal information. Become a hard target! For more information, contact the NSWCCD Security Division at 301-227-1861/1408.**



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