



South Australian Protective Security Framework

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**Security governance for
international sharing**

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PROTECTIVE SECURITY FRAMEWORK

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Purpose

1. From time to time, agencies in South Australia may need to enter official relationships with foreign partners or entities¹. Security protections are required to ensure that the information or assets are not compromised or exposed to uncontrolled risks.
2. This policy ensures all agencies formalise all partnerships or relationships with foreign partners or agencies through international agreements or arrangements that safeguard the interests, information and assets of both the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments.

Communicating, or making available, security classified information with another country or foreign organisation could be considered espionage under the [Criminal Code](#).

However, specific legislative provisions authorise agencies to share information internationally under arrangements made or directions given by the relevant minister

Core Requirement 6

Ensure adherence to any provisions for the security of people, information and assets contained in international agreements and arrangements to which Australia is a party

Supporting Requirements

3. To ensure adherence to security provisions contained in international agreements and arrangements, agencies² **must**:
 - I. [comply with the core and supporting requirements of the Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework \(PSPF\) policy Security governance for international sharing](#)

¹ A foreign entity includes a foreign government and foreign contractors (meaning any individual or legal entity entering into or bound by a classified contract and includes subcontractors).

² This policy applies to all South Australian public sector agencies (as defined in section 3(1) of the [Public Sector Act 2009](#)) and to any other person or organisation that is generally subject to the direction of a Minister of the Crown; all of which are referred to in this policy as "Agencies".

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Terminology

Term	Meaning
MUST	Use of the word must (or required or responsible for) indicates a requirement or action of the policy to which all agencies must adhere or undertake
MUST NOT	Use of the words must not indicates an action prohibited by this policy
MAY	Use of the word may indicates an action which is completely optional, but may be provided as a suggestion or considered best practice

Definitions

Term	Definition
agency	as per the definition of <i>public sector agency</i> (as defined in section 3(1) of the <i>Public Sector Act 2009</i>) and to any other person or organisation that is generally subject to the direction of a Minister of the Crown; all of which are referred to in this policy as "Agencies".
compromise	includes, but not limited to, loss, misuse, interference, unauthorised access, unauthorised modification, unauthorised disclosure.
contract	a formal and legally binding agreement which outlines the terms and conditions for the provision of goods or services by an external entity or third party to a South Australian Government agency (same as service agreement)
contractor	the external or third-party contracted to provide services to an agency (same as service provider and for the purposes of this policy, includes subcontractors)
protection	the treatments, mitigations or controls implemented to prevent or minimise the likelihood, of compromise to an agency's people, information or assets
subcontractor	a person or entity that undertakes work or duties on behalf of a contractor

Acronyms

Acronym	Words
SAPSF	South Australian Protective Security Framework
PSPF	Protective Security Policy Framework (Commonwealth)

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Guidance

International security agreements and arrangements

4. The Australian Governments PSPF policy [Security governance for international sharing](#) outlines the necessary protections, including legislative considerations, all agencies **must** adhere to when engaging with, or entering into partnerships with, foreign partners or entities which assist in safeguarding Australian information and assets from compromise or uncontrolled risks.
5. Key provisions for all agencies to be aware of in international security agreements and arrangements related to:
 - a. marking of sensitive and security classified information and assets
 - b. protection of sensitive and security classified information and assets, including how they are handled and transferred
 - c. access to and disclosure of sensitive and security classified information and assets, including employee security clearance requirements and recognition
 - d. responding to security breaches or security violations
 - e. undertaking security inspections and visits.
6. All South Australian agencies **must** be aware of any requirements or obligations they have under international security agreements or arrangements, and ensure new agreements or arrangements are put in place prior to the commencement of any sharing.

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