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Operations Security (OPSEC)

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Executive Summary

- Definition of OPSEC
- Types of OPSEC Information
- Common OPSEC Violations
- Protection from Adversaries
- Conclusion

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Definition of OPSEC

- Operations Security (OPSEC)
- Protection of Information:
 - Public Assets
 - Military Assets
 - Personnel
 - Families of Personnel
 - National Security

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Types of Information

- Unclassified Information
 - Dates
 - Times
 - Locations
 - Names
- For Official Use Only (FOUO)
 - Mission Critical Information
 - Capabilities
 - Vulnerabilities

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Dates and Times

- Events
 - Large groups
 - Public
 - Military Personnel
 - Department of Defense Civilians
 - Contractors
 - Officials
 - High Ranking NCO's
 - Commanders
 - VIP's
 - Politicians
 - Diplomats

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Location Information

- Government Facilities
 - Public Buildings
 - Government Agencies
- Military Installations
 - Secure Facilities
 - Weapons and Equipment
 - Training Locations
 - Barracks

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Individual Information

- Personal Information
 - Names
 - Dates of Birth
 - Addresses
 - Social Security Numbers
 - Credit Information
 - Family Members

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Official Information

- Methods
 - Intelligence Gathering
- Equipment
 - Weapons
 - Vehicles
- Capabilities
- Vulnerabilities
- Mission Critical Information

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Adversaries

- Foreign Governments
 - Rivals
 - Enemies
- Non-Government Organizations
 - Corporations
 - Political Groups
 - Terrorists
- Anyone
 - Activists
 - Hackers

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Common OPSEC Leaks

- Written Sources
 - Newspapers
 - Magazines
- Television
 - News Programs
 - Documentaries
- Internet
 - Discussion Boards
 - Chat Rooms
 - Social Networking
 - Videos

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Conclusion

- Avoid Disclosure of Information
 - Public Conversations
 - Journalists
 - Posting Information
 - Newsletters
 - Fliers
 - Internet
- Use Common Sense
 - Many Enemies
 - Free and Open Society

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Questions

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