Protection of Information

Traffic-Light Protocol (TLP): Originator-controlled classification system developed to encourage greater sharing of sensitive (but unclassified) information with external entities.

When should it be used?	TLP Color	How may it be shared?
Sources may use TLP: RED when information cannot be effectively acted upon by additional parties, and could lead to impacts on a party's privacy, reputation, or operations if misused.	RED	Recipients may not share TLP: RED information with any parties outside of the specific exchange, meeting or conversation in which it is originally disclosed.
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