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What does reporting requirements mean to me?

All individuals with eligibility for access to classified information or who hold a sensitive position have a continuing obligation and responsibility to recognize, avoid, and report personal behaviors which may adversely impact their continued national security eligibility.

How do I know if my position is sensitive?

All sensitive positions are designated by the department or agency under Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1400. Your Human Resources office will know if your position is sensitive and to what level. There are three levels of sensitive positions: Non-Critical, Critical, and Special, which are determined by the degree to which a compromise of information would cause a “material adverse effect on national security.”

I was on a trip to New England and made a day trip to Canada. How do I comply with the travel and itinerary requirements?

Submit your final amended travel plans to your designated security office within 5 (five) business days of your return.

My roommate is a foreign national. Will this affect my eligibility to access classified information?

Yes, you are required to report roommates, as cohabitants, to your designated agency if they are foreign nationals. A roommate or cohabitant is someone with whom you would have close and continuing contact.

I have non-US citizen contacts on social media. Should this be reported?

If the contacts meet the requirements of SEAD 3 or any additional criteria required by your designated official, it should be reported. If the contact is continuing; involving bonds of affection, personal obligation, or intimate contact; or involving any exchange of personal information, the contact needs to be reported. Your designated agency will provide additional guidance.

I am currently having financial difficulties and had to file for bankruptcy. Will this need to be reported?

Yes, financial anomalies including but not limited to bankruptcy; garnishment; being over 120 days delinquent on any debt; and any unusual infusion of assets of $10,000 or greater (such as an inheritance) should be reported to your designated agency or security official.