**Categories of security incidents**

| **Type of incident** | | **Definition** | **Examples** |
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| **Major security incident** | **Security violation** | A deliberate, negligent or reckless action that leads, or could lead, to the loss, damage, corruption or disclosure of official resources. | * Espionage or suspected espionage * Loss of material protectively marked CONFIDENTIAL or above, or significant quantities of material of a lower protective marking * Actual or suspected compromise of material at any level including tampering with security containers or systems * Actual or suspected hacking into any information and communications technology (ICT) system * Loss, compromise, suspected compromise, theft or attempted theft of protectively marked equipment * Compromise of keys to security locks or of combination settings * Recovery of previously unreported missing protectively marked material or equipment * Unauthorised disclosure of official or protectively marked information, significant loss or compromise of cryptographic keying material, or a significant breach of ICT systems as assessed by GCSB * Actual or attempted unauthorised access to an alarm system covering a secured area where protectively marked information is stored * Loss, theft, attempted theft, recovery or suspicious incidents involving weapons, munitions, explosives or hazardous materials whether nuclear, chemical, radiological or biological * Continuous breaches involving the same person or work area where the combination of the incidents warrants an investigation |
| **Minor security incident** | **Security breach** | An accidental or unintentional failure to observe the protective security mandatory requirements. | * Access passes or identification documents lost or left insecure * Protectively marked material left in UNCLASSIFIED waste bins * Protectively marked material not properly secured or stored |
| **Security infringement** | Any incident that violates internal protective security procedures outlined in internal agency protective security procedures, other than those that can be categorised as a security breach or security violation. | * Access doors wedged open for convenience |