**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
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| **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
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| **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
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