



Security

Newsletter

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## New Adjudicative Guidelines

By: DSS

The Adjudicative Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Information have been revised. Unchanged since 2006, the new Adjudicative Guidelines include key changes that will impact personnel security clearance (PCL) adjudications, adverse information (AI) reporting, and Insider Threat Program (ITP) reporting.

Significant Revisions include:

### Guideline F (Financial Considerations)

- New concern about “financial distress” causing, being caused by, or indicating other personnel security issues.
- New mitigating condition for “Clear victimization by predatory lending practices or identity theft” if the individual acts responsible under the circumstances

### Guideline C (Foreign Preference)

- Removal of certain security concerns related to foreign passports, including simple use and possession.

### Guideline C (Foreign Preference) cont.

- Change to security analysis of US Citizen’s exercise of rights or privileges of foreign citizenship, focusing on national security and concealment

### Guideline H (Drug Involvement and Substance Misuse)

- Security concern defined to include illegal use of any controlled substance, as defined by 21 U.S.C. § 802, or any other substance that causes physical or mental impairment
- New requirements for application of certain mitigating conditions, including acknowledgment of the problem, evidence of actions to overcome it, and a pattern of abstinence.

More information available at CDSE:

<http://www.cdse.edu/toolkits/psa/nsa.html>

## July 4<sup>th</sup> and Fireworks

By: VA Dept of Forestry

While legal fireworks and sparklers are a popular part of July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations, they are a danger to users, pets, and the environment. In many parts of Virginia (and other states), fireworks could (and have) become a cause of wildfires.

Fireworks that have finished burning are still extremely hot and they can smolder in dry grass or leaves before a fire ignites. One spark is all it would take for a wildfire to start.

Keep a bucket of water, wet towel and a fully charged garden hose nearby. Children and pets should also be kept a safe distance away from igniting and spent fireworks.

Many types of fireworks (including firecrackers, sparklers, bottle rockets, torpedoes and other fireworks that explode, travel laterally, rise into the air, or fire projectiles into the air) are illegal in Virginia unless you are a licensed contractor. A good alternative to personal works is community displays. Check your local news source for information on times and locations.

# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



**Fireworks may be illegal in your area. Check with local officials before use.**



**Where legal, use fireworks outdoors in a safe and open area away from people, pets and dry grass.**



**If you start a fire, you are responsible, and you will be charged.**



**Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.**



**Follow directions and only use fireworks with adult supervision.**



**Smokey and the Virginia Department of Forestry hope you have a SAFE and HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Do Your Part, Don't Let a Wildfire Start.**

## Notice to Contractors Cleared Under NISPOM: Inadvertent Exposure to Classified Information in the Public Domain (posted: June 12, 2017)

By: DSS

When accessing the Internet on contractor information systems not authorized or accredited to process classified information, cleared contractor personnel shall not access or download documents that are known or suspected to contain classified information. Paragraph 4-106 of the NISPOM makes clear that the public posting of classified information does not mean the information is automatically declassified. Classified information in the public domain remains classified and must be treated as such until an appropriate U.S. Government authority declassifies it. It is the responsibility of every cleared contractor to protect classified information and to follow established procedures for accessing classified information only through authorized means.

Contractor personnel who inadvertently discover potentially classified information in the public domain should immediately report its existence to their FSO. In the event this information is inadvertently discovered on contractor unclassified IT systems; cleared companies are advised to delete the offending material and clearing the Internet browser cache. If these procedures are followed, subsequent administrative inquiries and adverse information reports are not required from the company. These procedures apply only to the inadvertent exposure to classified information on the public domain and NOT to intentional searches for improperly posted classified information in the public domain (e.g. on the internet, Twitter or other media).

Questions regarding this notice should be addressed to your FSO or your DSS Industrial Security Representative.

### NEW DoD HOTLINE:



Anyone may file a complaint with the DoD Hotline. While you may contact the DoD Hotline at any time, a more expeditious route towards the resolution of your problem might best be served to first CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SECURITY OR COMMAND-LEVEL IG OFFICE.

Please make note and bookmark the following website. The website allows you to select the type of complaint you wish to report as well as the method of reporting.

<http://www.dodig.mil/hotline/>

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