

## ISTLP - Information Sharing Traffic Light Protocol

v1.1 – adapted for the community of TI Accredited Teams  
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All accredited teams can have their own system of information classification with associated rules, but they will at least **recognise and support** the following ISTLP (Information Sharing Traffic Light Protocol), following best practice in NISCC (UK) with widening acceptance in the CERT community.

NOTE that an "Information Exchange" can be either in person, like a TI accredited teams meeting, or a meeting of a few teams together, but also an exchange in e-mail or over the phone or fax. The rules below apply to all of those. It is not an absolute recipe, but needs to be applied thoughtfully - the ISTLP serves the purpose of bring more clarity in regards the rules of information sharing - it is not a purpose in itself.

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