

# Protecting Unilever's Information



Information is one of Unilever's most valuable business assets: Unilever is committed to safeguarding and protecting our information and any other information entrusted to us.

Information within Unilever is held in many different formats, including on paper, electronically in documents or in IT applications & systems. Our requirements to protect information apply to all formats. Unilever has Information Classification & Information Handling standards which define how information within Unilever must be classified, handled and protected.

## Musts

When handling Unilever's information **employees must:**

- Understand the nature and classification of the information, as defined in the Information Classification Standard; understand and adhere to the handling requirements detailed in the Information Handling Standard; and take personal responsibility for the proper use, circulation, retention, protection and disposal of Unilever's information

- Only distribute or share Unilever's information on a need to know basis, ensuring that only employees or others working for Unilever, or authorised third parties, with a genuine business need, have access to the information
- Take care not to disclose information in public places, including taking all necessary steps to protect information in documents and on IT devices away from the workplace
- Comply with the proper use of Unilever Information Technology and only share Unilever information using Unilever-approved Information Technology in accordance with the Code Policy on [Use of Information Technology](#)
- Report any events which you suspect could impact the security of Unilever information by following the Cyber Security reporting procedures. For example, information being shared with someone who was not authorised to view it; if you have received or responded to a suspicious email, text message, phone call, instant message or MFA prompt; or any other relevant event.

## Must nots

Employees **must not:**

- Disclose Unilever's information externally to third parties unless in accordance with Unilever's Information Classification & Information Handling standards
- Use Unilever's information for anything other than a legitimate business purposes or as required by law.

Personal data relating to employees, consumers and other individuals is subject to specific laws and regulations in most countries and requires special handling. Additional information relating to the classification and protection requirements for personal and sensitive personal data can be found in the Code Policy on [Personal Data and Privacy](#)

If in doubt about how to handle any Unilever information, restricted or otherwise, employees must seek advice from their Line Manager, Business Information Security Officer and / or Legal Business Partner