



Framework Summary

The term **protective security** describes the actions that Tasmanian Government agencies take to protect government information, people and assets from compromise and harm. When we manage protective security well, we help to build community trust and confidence in our government agencies and in the services we deliver to all Tasmanians.

Tasmania's Protective Security Policy Framework (TAS-PSPF) is a whole-of-government approach to protective security. It is flexible, acknowledging existing policies, practices and procedures while guiding agencies in implementing consistent standards.

The TAS-PSPF document is consistent with frameworks and standards set by the Australian Government and followed by other state and territory governments. If you work in or with our government agencies, it will help you to:

- find out why improvements in security practices and standards are necessary
- understand your agency's security environment
- build a strong security culture in your agency
- identify and understand your agency's most critical assets
- take a risk-based approach to protective security
- learn about the importance of good governance and accountability.

The TAS-PSPF document outlines:

- the 5 principles that should underpin all decision-making about protective security –
 1. Security is a responsibility of government, its agencies and its people
 2. Each agency is accountable and owns its security risks
 3. Security will be guided by a risk management approach
 4. Strong governance ensures protective security is reflected in agency planning
 5. A positive security culture is critical
- our aim to achieve outcomes across 4 protective security areas by meeting 14 core requirements and supplementary requirements.

While the TAS-PSPF sets out particular roles for different government departments and officers, **protective security is everyone's responsibility.** All of us – agency staff, contractors, sub-contractors and visitors – are required to follow the policies and procedures implemented under the TAS-PSPF. In doing this, we help to increase protective security understanding and awareness across our agencies. We also contribute to the building of a positive security culture that benefits all Tasmanians.



As the table below shows, guidance to support you to meet the requirements of the TASPSPF is organised in 14 separate policy guidance documents linked to the core requirements relevant to each protective security area.

Protective security area	Core requirement	Relevant policy guidance documents
 Security governance	1	GOVSEC-1: Establish security governance
	2	GOVSEC-2: Security advice and responsibilities
	3	GOVSEC-3: Security awareness
	4	GOVSEC-4: Annual reporting
	5	GOVSEC-5: Security planning
	6	GOVSEC-6: Reporting incidents and security investigations
 Information security	7	INFOSEC-1: Access to, and management of, official information
	8	INFOSEC-2: Protecting official information
	9	INFOSEC-3: Robust technology and information systems
 People security	10	PESEC-1: Recruiting the right people
	11	PESEC-2: Ongoing suitability assessment
	12	PESEC-3: Managing separating people
 Physical security	13	PHYSEC-1: Protecting assets
	14	PHYSEC-2: Agency facilities

You can download copies of TAS-PSPF and the 14 policy guidance documents from www.security.tas.gov.au or contact the TAS-PSPF team on taspspf@dpac.tas.gov.au or (03) 6232 7770.