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Introduction

Anyone who processes confidential, personal and/or sensitive data for themselves or on behalf of others must ensure that data carriers containing such information are safely destroyed in a way that ensures privacy.

In this context, safely destroyed means that data carriers containing sensitive data must be destroyed in such a way that reproduction of the information on them is either impossible or is only possible with considerable expenditure (in terms of personnel, resources and time).

NOTE This standard takes into account that data carriers have different physical characteristics and contain information with various levels of sensitivity.

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