Sensitive data: Data that, if disclosed or accessed without proper authorization, is likely to cause:

- harm (such as sanctions, discrimination) to any person, including the source of the information or other identifiable persons or groups, or;
- a negative impact on an organization's capacity to carry out its activities or on public perceptions of that organization.

Sensitive data includes personal data as well as 'non-personal data in a sensitive context'. Non-personal data in a sensitive context is information, in any form, that, while not relating to an identified or identifiable natural person, may, by reason of its sensitive context, put certain individuals and groups at risk of harm, including vulnerable or marginalized individuals and groups of individuals, such as children. The same types of data may have different levels of sensitivity in different contexts and sensitivity may change over time.