

## Code of Ala. § 8-27-2

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### § 8-27-2. Definitions.

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As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Trade secret.** — A “trade secret” is information that:
  - a. Is used or intended for use in a trade or business;
  - b. Is included or embodied in a formula, pattern, compilation, computer software, drawing, device, method, technique, or process;
  - c. Is not publicly known and is not generally known in the trade or business of the person asserting that it is a trade secret;
  - d. Cannot be readily ascertained or derived from publicly available information;
  - e. Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy; and
  - f. Has significant economic value.
- (2) Improper means.** — “Improper means” are means such as:
  - a. Theft;
  - b. Bribery;
  - c. Misrepresentation;
  - d. Inducement of a breach of confidence;
  - e. Trespass; or
  - f. Other deliberate acts taken for the specific purpose of gaining access to the information of another by means such as electronic, photographic, telescopic or other aids to enhance normal human perception, where the trade secret owner reasonably should be able to expect privacy.
- (3) Person.** — A “person” is a natural person, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision or agency, or any other legal or commercial entity.

### History

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