

Inline notifications

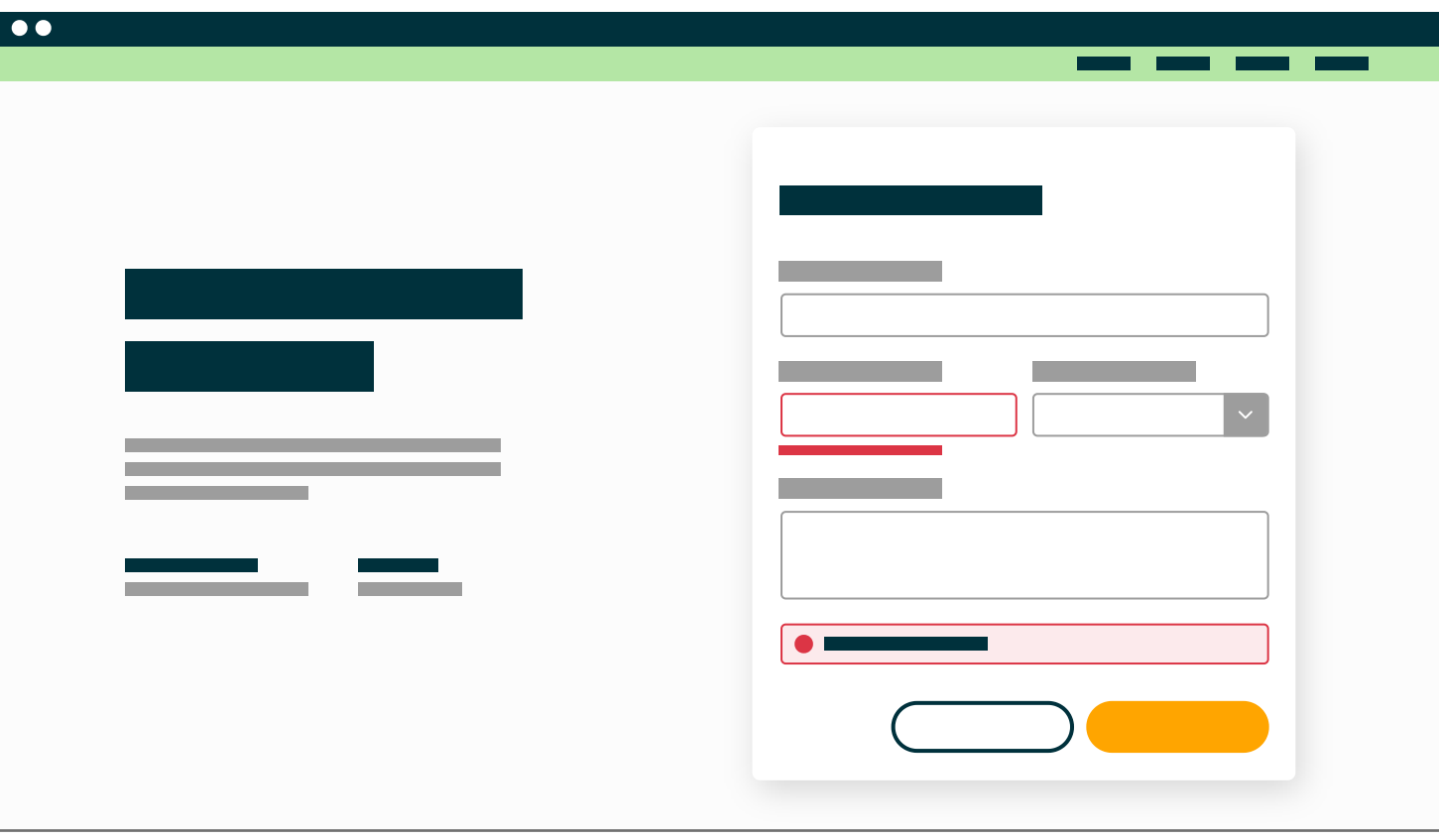
Introduction

Inline notifications communicate contextual information. They're positioned inline within the content flow, close to the element they're adding context to.

Overview

Inline notifications are used to notify a user of the status of an action during a task flow. They usually appear at the top of the primary content area or at the bottom of forms.

Inline notifications are non-disruptive, designed to be visually noticeable but not intrusive, allowing users to continue their tasks without interruption. These notifications are often used in conjunction with field-level messages for errors in forms or other input areas.



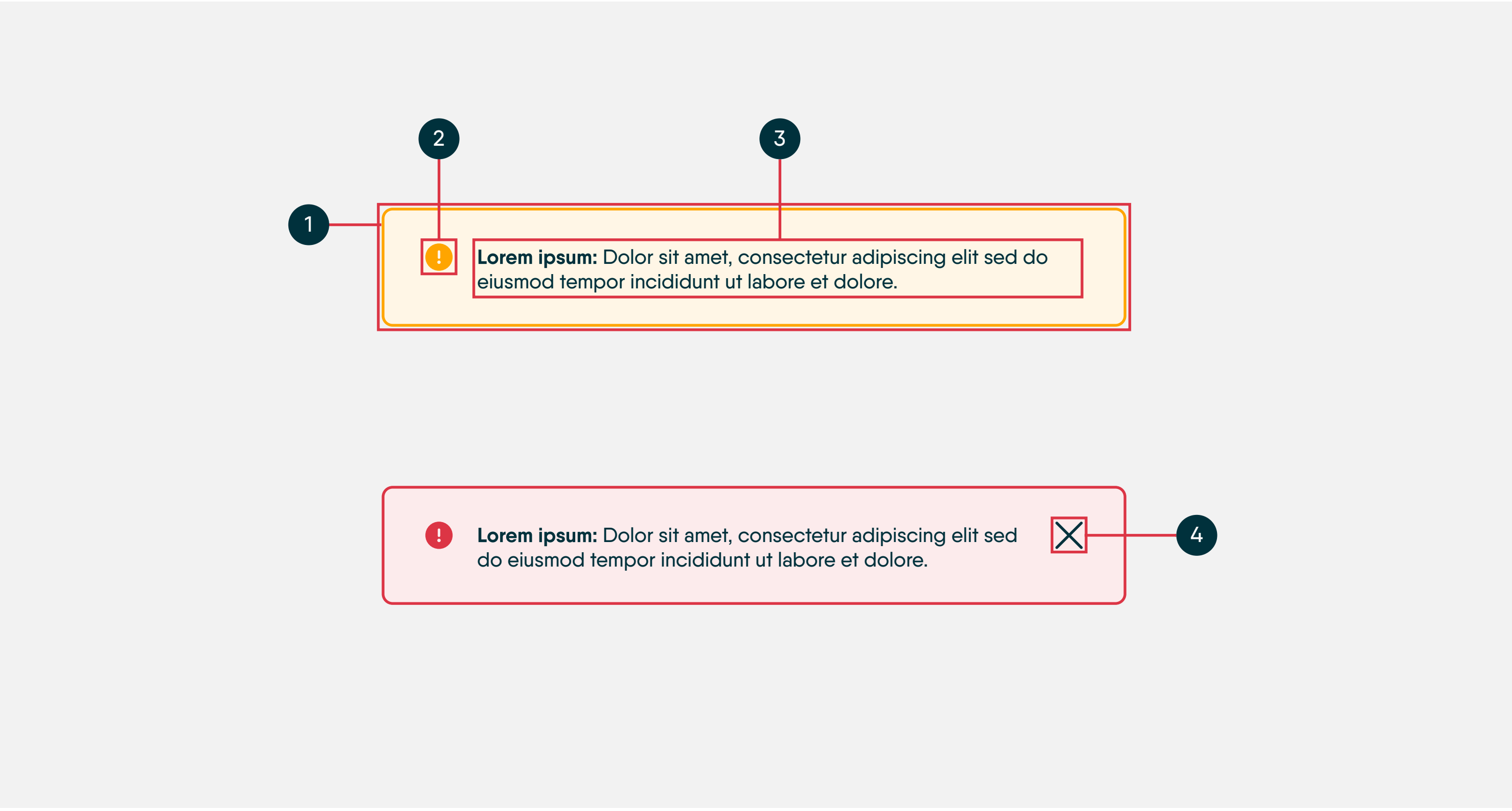
Inline error notification at the bottom of a form.

System notification usage examples

When deciding which component to use for system notifications, consider the urgency, importance, and persistence of the information or action. Toasts for non-critical and transient notifications, inline notifications and alerts for persistent and important information and modals are best suited for critical and immediate actions.

Component	Priority	User action
Toasts	Low priority	Optional: Toasts disappear automatically
Inline notification	Medium priority	Optional: Inline notifications appear amongst the page content in the relevant area and remain until the state that cause the inline notification is resolved.
Alert	Prominent, medium priority	Optional: Alerts remain until dismissed by the user, or if the state that caused the banner is resolved
Transactional modal	High priority	Required: Modals block app usage until the user takes a dialog action. There are usually two options – one to complete the action and one to offer the user not to complete the action
Acknowledgement modal	High priority	Required: Modals block app usage until the user takes a dialog action. Users are offered a mandatory action – they acknowledge the system notification and are in line with compliance or legal requirements.

Anatomy



- 1. Container
- 2. Icon (optional)
- 3. Body: contains the content, could include text, links, icons, etc.
- 4. Close button (optional)

Dismissal

Inline notifications do not dismiss automatically. They persist on the page until the user dismisses them or takes action that resolves the notification.

A small “x” in the top right corner is used to dismiss inline notifications. Including the close button is optional and should not be included if it is critical for a user to read or interact with the notification.

